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ROE V. WADE STRUCK DOWN

Supreme Court ruling strips constitutional abortion protections



State Reps. Anne Hughes, left, and Maria Horn embrace Friday as they listen to Gov. Ned Lamont speak at a news conference at the state Capitol in Hartford to address the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Connecticut has split reaction; Tong says it 'carves nation in two'

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Abortion rights supporters were outraged Friday by the U.S. Supreme Court's overturning the landmark Roe v. Wade abortion decision, vowing that abortion would remain legal in Connecticut under the controversial ruling.

The court issued the historic pronouncement that closely followed a leaked decision last month that has been supported by abortion opponents and decried by abortion supporters. The 6-3 ruling was hailed by the Roman Catholic Church as defending the unborn and sharply criticized by state Democratic lawmakers who voted recently in favor of expanding abortion access in Connecticut.

State Sen. Julie Kushner, a Danbury Democrat who spoke on the state Senate floor recently about having an abortion decades ago at age 25, said the historic

decision marked a step backwards.

"Today, Donald Trump's hand-picked conservative U.S. Supreme Court rolled the clock back by decades on the fundamental right, the fundamental choice, that American women have had enshrined in constitutional law for half a century," Kushner said. "Today, that conservative U.S. Supreme Court returned America to a darker time in our past — a time of fright and secrecy, of shame and physical danger for women."

Kushner added that some women might travel to Connecticut, echoing statements by lawmakers that women from Texas have already traveled to the North End of Hartford for abortions.

"Women all across America today should know: Connecticut and its laws — written and passed by Democrats — is a

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People gather at the Supreme Court following Friday's decision stripping away abortion protections. BRANDON BELL/GETTY

Facilities in several states halt abortions

Opposing sides predict battle will continue

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Friday stripped away the nation's constitutional protections for abortion that had stood for nearly a half-century. The decision by the court's conservative majority overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling

and is expected to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states.

The ruling, unthinkable a few years ago, was the culmination of decades of efforts by abortion opponents, made possible by an emboldened right side of the court fortified by three appointees of former President Donald Trump.

Both sides predicted the fight over abortion would continue, in state capitals, in Washington and

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Connecticut residents on both sides rally



Katherine Sarris, of Fairfield County, and her mother, Suzan Sarris, right, sing "Amazing Grace" at an anti-abortion victory rally organized by the Family Institute of Connecticut at the state Capitol on Friday. Suzan Sarris has been involved with anti-abortion activism since the '70s. JESSICA HILL/AP

Activists gather at Capitol in Hartford to voice opinions about 'turning point' for the country

By Alison Cross
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Activists on both sides of the abortion debate came out to the state Capitol Friday after the U.S. Supreme Court voted to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Both anti-abortion and abortion-rights advocates called the court decision, which says that women no longer have a constitutional right to an abortion, a "turning point" for the country.

Nicki LaPort said that she cried in her gynecologist's office after

hearing the news. Suzan Sarris said she celebrated.

Rallies were held across Connecticut Friday, many drawing out residents angered by the ruling and vowing to protect a women's right to choose here.

State lawmakers codified the right to an abortion into Connecticut's constitution. Although abortion rights aren't up for grabs in the state, anti-abortion advocates described the changes they would like to see Connecticut enact in the near future,

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Firearm safety bill sent to Biden

Compromise measure is biggest change to gun laws since 1993

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House sent President Joe Biden the most wide-ranging gun violence bill Congress has passed in decades Friday, a measured compromise that at once illustrates progress on the long-intractable issue and the deep-seated partisan divide that persists.

Every House Democrat and 14 Republicans — six of whom won't be in Congress next year — voted for the measure.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., underscored its significance to her party by taking the unusual step of presiding over the vote and announcing the result from the podium, to huzzahs from rank-and-file Democrats on the chamber's floor.

Among Republicans backing the legislation was Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, who has broken sharply with her party's leaders.

In a statement, she said that "as a mother and a constitutional conservative," she believed the bill would curb violence and enhance safety, adding, "Nothing in the bill restricts the rights of responsible gun owners. Period."

Impossible to ignore was the juxtaposition of the week's gun votes with a pair of Supreme Court decisions on two of the nation's most incendiary culture war issues. The justices Thursday struck down a New York law that has restricted the ability to carry concealed weapons, and Friday it overturned Roe v. Wade.

The bill, crafted by senators from both parties, would incrementally toughen requirements for young people to buy guns, deny more domestic abusers access to firearms and help local authorities temporarily take weapons from people judged to be dangerous. Most of its \$13 billion cost would go to bolster mental health programs and for schools, which have been targeted in Newtown, Connecticut, Parkland, Florida, and many other infamous massacres.

It omits tougher restrictions Democrats have championed, like a ban on assault-type weapons and background checks for all gun transactions, but is the most significant gun measure Congress has passed since enacting a now-expired assault weapons ban in 1993.

The legislation was a result of the slaying of 19 children and two teachers at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, one month ago, and the killing of 10 Black shoppers days earlier in Buffalo, New

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Hartford to spend more than \$1M a year for art events

The City of Hartford will spend more than \$1 million a year for the next three years funding public art events — performing arts and visual arts — in a collaboration with the Greater Hartford Arts Council, Mayor Luke Bronin said. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Ex-Manchester firefighter pleads guilty to sexual assault

Staff report

A Vernon man pleaded guilty Friday in Rockville Superior Court to four counts of first-degree sexual assault, according to Tolland State’s Attorney Matthew C. Gedansky.

Under the terms of the plea, Angelo Alleano, 49, faces a total effective sentence of up to 25 years to serve, to be followed by 10 years of special parole, Gedansky said in a statement.

Sentencing is scheduled for Aug. 26.

Alleano was a former Manchester firefighter; he was fired after about 23 years on the job.

Vernon police spokesman Lt. Bill Meier said at the time of the arrest that it “should send a strong message that we do not stop working on these cases.”

Alleano was arrested in May

2020, in connection with a Aug. 6, 2001, sexual assault of an 84-year-old woman in Manchester, the Dec. 9, 2004, sexual assault of a 57-year-old female in Manchester, the March 23, 2007, sexual assault of a 37-year-old Manchester woman and the Jan. 16, 2008, sexual assault of a 61-year-old woman in Vernon, Gedansky said in the statement.

The Manchester Police Department and the Vernon Police Department obtained a “John Doe” warrant in 2010 with a “specific DNA profile that had been recovered from each of the crimes. Investigators were able to develop Alleano as a suspect in these crimes using publicly available genealogy information,” Gedansky said.

“Court records show DNA evidence at the scene came from a specific family tree with the possibility of 18 male offspring

from this family, including cousins, grandchildren and nephews,” the statement said. “The State Police Forensic lab and detectives from Manchester and Vernon Police Departments narrowed the list through process of elimination. A search warrant was obtained for Alleano’s DNA which was analyzed and linked to crime scene evidence. Alleano later admitted to all four sexual assaults as well as additional crimes that were never reported by the victims.”

“I am thankful we were able to provide a measure of justice to the victims in this case,” Gedansky said, also in the statement. “The State Police Forensic Lab and Manchester and Vernon Police Departments did outstanding work on this case.”

The case is being prosecuted by Supervisory Assistant State’s Attorney Jaclyn Previle.

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York. Lawmakers returned from their districts after those shootings saying constituents were demanding action, a vehemence many felt could not be ignored.

“This gives our community the sorely needed hope that we have been crying out for, for years and years and years,” Rep. Lucy McBath, D-Ga., whose 17-year-old son was shot dead in 2012 by a man complaining his music was too loud, told supporters outside the Capitol. “Understand and know that this bill does not answer all of our prayers, but this is hope.”

Rep. Steven Horsford, D-Nev., said he was backing the bill for his father, shot to death 30 years before to the day, and the 58 people killed in a 2017 mass shooting in Las Vegas “and so many other Americans who are victims and survivors of gun violence.”

For conservatives who dominate the House GOP, it came down to the Constitution’s Second Amendment right to bear firearms, a key protection for many who own guns. “Today



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., leads the passage of the gun safety bill on Friday. The legislation was crafted by senators from both parties after a series of mass shootings. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP**

they’re coming after our Second Amendment liberties, and who knows what it will be tomorrow,” Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, the House Judiciary Committee’s top Republican, said of Democrats.

In the Senate, every Democrat and 15 Republicans backed the compromise. Just two of those GOP senators face reelection

next year.

But overall, fewer than one-third of GOP senators and just 1-in-15 House Republicans supported the measure. That means the fate of future congressional action on guns seems unlikely, as the GOP is expected to win House and possibly Senate control in the November elections.

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at the ballot box. Justice Clarence Thomas, part of Friday’s majority, urged colleagues to overturn other rulings protecting same-sex marriage, gay sex and contraceptive use.

Pregnant women considering abortions already had been dealing with a near-complete ban in Oklahoma and a prohibition after roughly six weeks in Texas. Clinics in at least five other states — Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri, Wisconsin and West Virginia — stopped performing abortions after Friday’s decision.

Abortion foes cheered the ruling, but abortion-rights supporters, including President Joe Biden, expressed dismay and pledged to fight to restore the rights.

“This decision must not be the final word,” Biden said at the White House.

Outside the White House, Ansley Cole, a college student from Atlanta, said she was “scared because what are they going to come after next?”

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of SBA Pro-Life America, agreed about the political stakes.

“We are ready to go on offense for life in every single one of those legislative bodies, in each state-house and the White House,” Dannenfelser said in a statement.

Within hours of the decision, a crowd of mostly young women outside the barricaded Supreme Court grew into the hundreds. Some shouted, “The Supreme Court is illegitimate,” while others celebrated while wearing red shirts with “The Pro-Life Generation Votes.”

Trump praised the ruling, telling Fox News that it “will work out for everybody.”

The decision is expected to disproportionately affect minority women who already face limited access to health care, according to statistics analyzed by The Associated Press.

It also puts the court at odds with a majority of Americans who favored preserving Roe, according to opinion polls.

The ruling came more than a month after the stunning leak of a draft opinion by Justice Samuel Alito indicating the court was prepared to take this momentous step.

In the final opinion, Alito wrote that Roe and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the 1992 decision that reaffirmed the right to abortion, had to

be overturned.

“We therefore hold that the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion. Roe and Casey must be overruled, and the authority to regulate abortion must be returned to the people and their elected representatives,” Alito wrote, in an opinion similar to the leaked draft.

Joining Alito were Thomas and three Trump appointees: Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett.

The vote was 6-3 to uphold the Mississippi law, but Chief Justice John Roberts didn’t join his conservative colleagues in overturning Roe. He wrote that there was no need to overturn the broad precedents to rule in Mississippi’s favor.

Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan — the liberal wing of the court — were in dissent.

“With sorrow—for this Court, but more, for the many millions of American women who have today lost a fundamental constitutional protection—we dissent,” they wrote, warning that abortion opponents could pursue a nationwide ban “from the moment of conception and without exceptions for rape or incest.”

Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement that the Justice Department will protect providers and those seeking abortions in states where it is legal and also “work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care.”

Mississippi’s only abortion clinic, the center of Friday’s case, continued to see patients.

Outside, men used a bullhorn to tell people inside that they would burn in hell.

Clinic escorts used large speakers to blast Tom Petty’s “I Won’t Back Down” in response.

Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky and Missouri are among 13 states, mainly in the South and Midwest, with laws on the books to ban abortion in the event Roe was overturned. Another six states have near-total bans or prohibitions after six weeks of pregnancy, before many women know they are pregnant.

In roughly a half-dozen other states, including West Virginia and Wisconsin, the fight will be over dormant abortion bans that were enacted before Roe was decided in 1973 or new proposals to sharply limit when abortions can be performed, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights.

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PLAY4 NIGHT
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beacon of hope and safety for you,” Kushner said. “We understand, we are on your side, and we will always be there for women who someday may have to make a difficult decision about their own body and who will need compassion, care, and a legal system that supports and protects them. That will never change in Connecticut.”

Christopher C. Healy, a spokesman for the Roman Catholic bishops in the state, hailed the decision as a “historic reversal” that will prompt the church to increase help for pregnant women.

“As the option of abortion may become more limited over time, we will provide assistance for women so they may make life-affirming decisions,” Healy said. “Christ calls us to love our neighbor, practice charity and not pass judgment on others — to ‘accompany them’ as Pope Francis says, and not turn them away.”

Healy added, “In that spirit, our parishes and our social programs must be prepared to meet the increasing needs for pro-life pregnancy resource centers and supports for women raising children. The renewed discussion of the abortion issue may cause more post-abortive women to seek counseling in order to come to terms with their decisions. We must always be compassionate followers of Christ — ready to reach out to women who are seeking healing, forgiveness and reconciliation through the Church.”

Gov. Ned Lamont talked about the women in his family to describe their reactions to the court’s ruling. “My wife is in tears, my kids are incredibly distraught,” Lamont said Friday. “My sister says, ‘I thought, they’re there to protect our freedoms, not roll them back.’ When did the court start rolling back our freedoms? We’ve had Roe v Wade, in this country for close to 50 years, protecting a woman’s right to choose. We thought that was established law. And today, the Supreme Court turned that over.”

But Lamont vowed at two press conferences that he and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, a longtime supporter of abortion rights, would battle back against attempts to change the state law that has codified the Roe v. Wade decision.

“As long as Susan and I are here, no politician is going to stand between you and your doctor,” Lamont said. “No politician is going to stand between you and your doctor. That’s what we’ll promise you. And you can trust us on that.”

Lamont agreed that Connecticut’s doors will be open for women leaving other states with restrictive laws.

“We’re going to be welcoming to anybody else that feels like they’re not getting a fair shake in Texas or Mississippi, wherever they’d be, come to Connecticut,” Lamont said. “Exercise your full reproductive choices.”

U.S. Sens. Chris Murphy and



State Rep. Cristin McCarthy Vahey, of Fairfield, speaks Friday outside the state Capitol in Hartford to address the U.S. Supreme Court’s striking down of the Roe v. Wade abortion decision. **CLOE POISSON PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**



State Rep. Stephanie Thomas speaks at a news conference Friday at the state Capitol in Hartford to address the Supreme Court’s striking down of Roe v. Wade. “We know what it takes to win so let’s get out there and take our country back,” she said.

Richard Blumenthal, who gathered in a Hartford park on Friday to celebrate the passage of a gun-safety bill in Washington, D.C., ripped into the majority decision by justices who were largely placed on the bench by narrow margins in the U.S. Senate.

“This is awful news for women, for families, for health care providers, for every American,” Murphy told the outdoor crowd. “What we saw is six politicians masquerading as justices, trying to impose their political views on this nation.”

“Preach it!” a woman shouted.

An abortion rights supporter for decades, Blumenthal served as a law clerk to Justice Harry Blackmun, the chief author of the Roe v.

Wade decision in 1973.

“I am scared about where this Supreme Court is taking us,” Blumenthal said. “This Supreme Court is outcome-driven. They rearrange the fancy legal jargon to arrive at the result that is driven by their right-wing, fringe ideological slant. They are destroying the credibility of the United States Supreme Court.”

In his remarks Friday, he added, “Yesterday, the Supreme Court said that people carrying firearms have nearly absolute rights. Today, it decided that women making health care decisions have no rights. That is the most arrogant and distorted view of the constitution. We cannot let it stand.”

State attorney general William Tong said the decision “carves our nation in two,” adding that he believes the Supreme Court might make rulings on other major issues like gay marriage.

“Make no mistake — this is just the beginning of a systematic right-wing effort to rewrite decades of bedrock legal precedent, the foundation of which is our long-recognized right to privacy in making our most personal decisions,” Tong said. “We are about to see a tsunami of radical litigation and legislation aimed at further eroding rights we have taken for granted — some for generations. Marriage equality, inter-racial marriage, and access to birth control are all in the cross-hairs.”

Tong added, “We know already there are plans to push for a nationwide abortion ban should Republicans gain control of both houses of Congress. If that happens, I will be the first to sue. This decision carves our nation in two — states that trust the personal and professional decisions of women and doctors, and states where craven politicians control and criminalize those choices. Connecticut is a safe state, but we will need to be vigilant, aggressive and proactive to defend our rights.”

The Family Institute of Connecticut said that advocates had been gaining momentum on the issue.

“This is the victory the pro-life movement has worked for these past 49 years,” the group said on its Facebook page. “We should celebrate it. And prepare ourselves for the battles that still lie ahead here

in Connecticut.”

Peter Wolfgang, the institute’s longtime executive director, recently cited House Bill 5414 because some members of the legislature’s Black and Puerto Rican Caucus spoke passionately against the bill. The measure passed by 87-60 in the state House of Representatives and 25-9 in the Senate in late April. Lawmakers noted that Black women make up only 12% of the population but have 38% of abortions.

State Sen. Christie Cohen, a Guilford Democrat, said the decision was stunning.

“Although we have been waiting for the other shoe to drop since we learned of the Supreme Court leaked opinion in May, I don’t know that we could have adequately prepared ourselves for the emotional toll this decision brings,” Cohen said.

“While we deserve time to digest this reversal of long-settled law, we do not have the luxury of inaction. My colleagues and I will continue to ensure abortion is legal, safe and accessible here in Connecticut, and Connecticut will remain a safe haven for those seeking and providing abortions. State legislatures will now be a citizen’s direct line of defense in this attack on reproductive rights, and I implore you to continue to elect representatives who are steadfast and unwavering in their support of abortion access.”

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including defining fetal viability and creating parental notification laws for minors seeking an abortion.

“We are pleased that parental notification is now an issue here in Connecticut. There are only a handful of states that do not require a minor girl to at least notify her parents before getting an abortion,” said Peter Wolfgang, the executive director of the Family Institute of Connecticut. “Unfortunately, neither party is where we want them to be on the underlying issue of abortion, where the fight is, is on parental notification.”

Currently, Connecticut does not have a parental consent law but requires minors seeking an abortion to receive counseling that could include consulting with parents.

Wolfgang and state Reps. Brian Lanoue of the 45th district and Mike France of the 42nd district, said that they are hopeful a parental notification would receive bipartisan support. In May, Republican candidate for Connecticut governor Bob Stefanowski voiced support for the provision, except for cases of rape or incest.

Dr. Emily Fine, a gynecologist and a partner in a division of Women’s Health in Connecticut, speaking at an event in Hamden Friday, said “this is a devastating day for us. We saw this coming.”

“But now that this is a reality, and we’re looking at 26 states where abortion rights are denied, we really need to understand what this means for physicians and providers,” Fine said, noting “politicians and judges have absolutely no right in the exam room.



Sarah Dzialo, of South Glastonbury, with her twin girls in carriage, left, and Jackie Nash, right, of Deep River, listen during an anti-abortion victory rally organized by the Family Institute of Connecticut at the state Capitol on Friday in Hartford. The Supreme Court has ended constitutional protections for abortion that had been in place nearly 50 years, a decision by its conservative majority to overturn the court’s landmark abortion cases. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

They cannot be allowed to violate the sanctity of the trust that develops between us and our patients.”

“Everyone needs to know, abortion is health care. It’s not optional. Whether it’s terminating a pregnancy for rape or incest, or medical causes, or for psychosocial reasons or for intensely personal reasons,” Fine said. “Abortion is part of healthcare and part of good evidence-based time-proven reproductive health care. Banning any form of health care is bad.”

Andrew Rasmussen-Tuller, a current candidate for state representative in Bristol, said that

parental notification laws would endanger minors.

“It’s important that we have an avenue for these children to seek abortion care. If they’re not comfortable talking to their parents and they’re in this predicament, what’s gonna happen, they’re going to go a not-safe route to get an abortion, and they’re going to end up very much in danger and harmed, and it’s literally gonna be a death sentence for them. So we need to ensure that we’re keeping our kids safe by offering them these care avenues,” Rasmussen-Tuller said.

Rasmussen-Tuller and his husband Ken said that after hearing of the Supreme Court ruling, their thoughts went to their 4-year-old daughter.

“This is about women’s health. And it’s scary to think what she’s gonna go into and not have the opportunity for when she gets older, should she need that choice,” Ken Rasmussen-Tuller said. “I’m scared.”

LaPort said that she is worried about the future ramifications this decision will have beyond abortion access, echoing the concurring opinion written by Justice

Clarence Thomas suggesting that the Supreme Court should “reconsider” past precedents such as the right to contraception and same-sex marriage.

“I think it’s just really frustrating to see the country that I grew up in and love so much, just go backwards,” LaPort said. “This is the beginning of going back 50 to a hundred years.”

France said that importance of the Supreme Courts decision is that the abortion decision goes back to “the people.”

“It reverts the process of legislating back to the people, the legislators [and] the senators that are elected to represent the people. The people now have a voice in this,” France said.

Wolfgang called June 24, the day of the Supreme Court decision, “liberation day for the unborn child.”

“Roe v. Wade was an outrage. It was an attack on human rights. Never before in the history of the United States had there been a case where an entire class of persons who used to have rights were told that they, no, they were no longer part of the human family. That is what we have fought against for 49 years. We want a world. We want a country. We want a state of Connecticut where every unborn child is protected in law and welcomed in life,” Wolfgang said.

The Rasmussen-Tullers and LaPort described the Supreme Court decision as the opposite.

“In our nation we’ve always expanded on rights, we’ve never taken away rights,” Andrew Rasmussen-Tuller said. “This is just opening up the doors to so much.”

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Biden: Ruling ‘sad day’ for country

But president vows the fight ‘not over’ in defending access

By Chris Megerian and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden said Friday that he would fight to preserve access to abortion after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, and he called on Americans to elect more Democrats who would safeguard rights upended by the court’s decision.

“This is not over,” he declared.

“Let’s be very clear, the health and life of women across this nation are now at risk,” he said from the White House on what he called “a sad day for the court and the country.”

Biden added that “the court has done what it’s never done before — expressly taking away a constitutional right that is so fundamental to so many Americans.”

Republicans and conservative leaders celebrated the culmination of a decade-long campaign to undo the nationwide legalization of abortion that began with Roe v. Wade in 1973.

“Millions of Americans have spent half a century praying, marching and working toward today’s historic victories for the rule of law and for innocent life,” said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., an architect of efforts to tilt the Supreme Court to the right.

Although Biden has previously expressed conflicted feelings about abortion, he delivered a forceful defense Friday. Noting that Repub-



President Joe Biden said Friday that “the health and life of women across this nation are now at risk.” ANDREW HARNIK/AP

lican-controlled states now had a clear path to ban abortion even in cases of incest or rape, he said “it just stuns me.”

Since the country will increasingly see a patchwork of policies — with some states restricting abortion and others providing it freely — Biden emphasized that the court decision does not prevent anyone from traveling to end a pregnancy.

“Women must remain free to travel safely to another state to seek the care they need,” he said. “And my administration will defend that bedrock right.”

The overturning of Roe v. Wade was not unexpected —

a draft of the decision leaked nearly two months ago — but it still reverberated throughout Washington in what has suddenly become a new era in the country’s battle over abortion.

The White House and the Justice Department said they would look for ways to blunt the impact of the ruling, and Biden said his administration would try to ensure that abortion medication is available as widely as possible.

However, no executive actions were announced Friday, and Biden conceded that his options were limited.

White House officials

tried to rally allies in a virtual meeting after the president spoke.

“We need to stay united,” said Emmy Ruiz, the director of political strategy and outreach. “We know that the task ahead is incredibly daunting. But we’re prepared to meet the moment.”

Protesters converged on the Supreme Court, where a crowd of abortion-rights supporters swelled to the hundreds. One supporter chanted into a bullhorn, “legal abortion on demand” and “this decision must not stand.”

“It’s a painful day for those of us who support women’s

rights,” said Laura Free, an Ithaca, New York, resident and women’s rights historian who came to Washington to do research. When she learned of the decision, she said, “I had to come here.”

A competing faction demonstrated in favor of the ruling, holding signs saying “the future is anti-abortion” and “dismember Roe.”

Biden and other Democrats hope to use outrage over the court decision to rally voters in November’s midterm elections.

Although nationwide legislation ensuring access to abortion appears out of reach, more Democratic

victories at the state level could limit Republican efforts to ban the practice.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the court’s ruling “is outrageous and heart-wrenching” and fulfills the Republican Party’s “dark and extreme goal of ripping away women’s right to make their own reproductive health decisions.”

In a statement, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department “will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.”

He said that in addition to protecting providers and those seeking abortions in states where it remains legal, “we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care.”

He noted that the Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of mifepristone, a drug used to end pregnancies.

“States may not ban mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy,” Garland said.

But even before the ruling, there were concerns that the administration was not ready.

Dr. Colleen McNicholas, chief medical officer of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri, said she expects “a true health crisis.”

“I think that we should have been preparing for far longer than we have been,” McNicholas said. “Do I think that they recognize that this a problem? Yes. Do I think that they’re prepared in this moment? No.”

Legal battles shaping up as divisions deepen in US

Scholars anticipate ‘abortion wars’ will start among states

By John Hanna, Kimberlee Kruesi and Holly Ramer
Associated Press

The Supreme Court’s decision Friday to overturn the constitutional right to abortion has only further fractured an already deep division among the states, where contentious legal battles are almost certain to erupt as legislatures and attorneys general grapple with the new landscape of abortion access.

Even before the opinion, lawmakers, activists and legal scholars were arguing over whether Republican-led states can enforce abortion bans beyond their borders and target providers, people who provide assistance and the women seeking abortions. That speculation could soon become reality as abortion opponents try novel approaches to prevent women terminating a pregnancy.

In their dissent, the court’s liberal justices referenced the potential for the ruling to set off an era of legal chaos and peril for

individuals.

They said the court’s majority was trying to “hide the geographically expansive effects” of a ruling that “invites a host of questions about interstate conflicts.”

Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan said the decision will put the court at the center of what some scholars have called the coming “interjurisdictional abortion wars.”

“Can a State bar women from traveling to another State to obtain an abortion?” they wrote. “Can a State prohibit advertising out-of-state abortions or helping women get to out-of-state providers? Can a State interfere with the mailing of drugs used for medication abortions?”

Professor Michael Steenson of the Mitchell Hamline School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, predicted the legal landscape after the Supreme Court decision will be in “absolute chaos.”

But some Democratic states aren’t waiting to shield women who travel to get an abortion and ensure patients do not face penalties back home.

Washington is barring the state from acting against doctors who perform such abortions, while California and Illinois are considering

similar measures. On Friday, the Democratic governors of California, Oregon and Washington announced a commitment to defend abortion access.

“We will continue to protect patients from any state who comes to our state for abortion care,” Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said. “We will resist intrusions by out-of-state prosecutors, law enforcement or vigilantes trying to investigate patients receiving services in our states.”

In Massachusetts, Gov. Charlie Baker, a Republican who has said he supports a woman’s right to choose, signed an executive order prohibiting state agencies from assisting another state’s investigation into people or businesses that receive or deliver reproductive health services that are legal in Massachusetts. The order also protects Massachusetts providers who deliver reproductive health care services from being disciplined based on potential out-of-state charges.

Connecticut enacted a law earlier this year to stymie lawsuits or criminal cases from other states over legal abortions for out-of-state residents.

“This decision carves our nation in two — states



An anti-abortion demonstrator, right, argues with an abortion-rights protester Friday in Washington, D.C. About half the states are expected to outlaw abortions. JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP

that trust the personal and professional decisions of women and doctors, and states where craven politicians control and criminalize those choices,” said state Attorney General William Tong, a Democrat. “Connecticut is a safe state, but we will need to be vigilant, aggressive and proactive to defend our rights.”

In Minnesota, Attorney General Keith Ellison has vowed to protect abortion rights as outlined in the state constitution. But he said “things will be much tougher” in states bordering

Minnesota, some of which will have total bans on abortion.

Some states such as Texas allow private citizens to sue people who assist in abortions. Ellison said he fears it might lead to lawsuits against those who help women traveling to Minnesota for abortions, but he promised he would fight any possible extraditions.

Half the states are expected to outlaw most abortions with Roe falling, according to the abortion-rights think tank Guttmacher Institute.

Twenty-two states, largely in the South and Midwest, already had total or near-total bans on the books. Aside from Texas, all those had been blocked in the courts before Friday’s decision.

Once that was issued, several GOP state attorneys general, including those in Ohio and Tennessee, asked the courts to lift stays that have blocked previously passed abortion restrictions in their states. Separately, 13 other states had enacted trigger laws that ban abortion with Roe overturned.

Past court decisions upheld or chipped away at landmark 1973 ruling

By Victoria Kim
The New York Times

The Supreme Court’s decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, the case before the nation’s highest court on a restrictive Mississippi law, is the most consequential on women’s access to abortion since the court’s 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade.

But the legal case, over a law that makes most abortions illegal after 15 weeks of pregnancy, is by no means

the first to challenge Roe v. Wade.

Here is a look at some past rulings.

Webster v. Reproductive Health Services, 1989: The 5-4 ruling gave states the right to impose new restrictions on abortion, upholding parts of a 1986 Missouri law relating to public resources being used to assist women in abortions not necessary to save their lives.

The laws barred public employees from being

involved and banned the use of public buildings, and separately required doctors to perform tests to determine whether the fetus can live outside the womb if the woman is at least 20 weeks pregnant.

Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey, 1992: In the draft opinion leaked in May, Justice Samuel Alito wrote that Casey should be overruled along with Roe v. Wade. In this decision, the

Supreme Court reaffirmed the “essence” of the constitutional right to abortion outlined in Roe v. Wade while giving states new leeway to impose restrictions on the procedure.

The 5-4 ruling upheld part of a Pennsylvania law regulating access to abortions while finding that laws prohibiting all or most abortions are unconstitutional.

The decision also set the standard that it was unconstitutional for states to ban abortions before “fetal

viability,” estimated to be about 24 weeks into pregnancy.

Gonzales v. Carhart, 2007: The 5-4 decision upheld a federal law banning a method of abortion known by opponents of the procedure as “partial birth,” reversing course from a decision to strike down a similar state law seven years earlier in Stenberg v. Carhart.

The federal law was enacted in 2003.

Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt, 2016: The Supreme Court struck down parts of a restrictive Texas law that required doctors performing abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals and clinics, which could have drastically reduced the number of abortion clinics in the state. The 5-3 decision, the court’s most sweeping since the Casey ruling, found Texas’ restrictions would place an “undue burden” on the ability to obtain an abortion.

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NEWS BRIEFING

CDC OKs Moderna’s shot for kids, teens aged 6 through 17

From news services

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday recommended Moderna’s coronavirus vaccine be used as an option for children and adolescents aged 6 through 17 years. Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the CDC’s director, signed off on the panel’s recommendation less than a week after she endorsed Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech’s vaccines for even younger children. Scientific advisers to the CDC concluded Thursday that the benefits of the Moderna vaccine outweigh potential risks, and recommended two doses of the vaccine for children and teens.

The recommendation was one of the last hurdles before a second vaccine option becomes available to a large swath of those younger than 18. The vaccine produced by Pfizer and BioNTech has been available to children 5 through 15 since last year and to Americans 16 and older since late 2020. Last June, Moderna applied to use its vaccine in adolescents aged 12 to 17 years. But the FDA stalled Moderna’s application. In October, Moderna said the FDA was reviewing reports that suggested its vaccine can cause heart problems in adolescent boys. The company also said it would hold off on applying for authorization for children 6 through 11 until the FDA had made a decision for the older children.

CDC researchers determined the Moderna vaccine is safe overall. It carries a very small risk of transient heart problems in boys aged 12 to 17, but a similar risk has been observed with the Pfizer vaccine, according to Dr. Tom Shimabukuro, a CDC scientist who

presented the data. Several studies have shown that COVID-19 itself carries a much higher risk of heart problems than either vaccine. Still, to minimize the risk of heart problems, the CDC now recommends that boys and men between the ages of 12 and 39 space their doses apart by eight weeks.

Blow to UK’s Johnson: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson suffered a double blow as voters rejected his Conservative Party in two special parliamentary elections dominated by questions about his leadership and ethics.

He absorbed another setback when the party’s chairman quit after the results came out early Friday, saying Conservatives “cannot carry on with business as usual,” and a former party leader said the country needed “new leadership.”

The centrist Liberal Democrats overturned a big Conservative majority to win the rural southwest England seat of Tiverton and Honiton, while the main opposition Labor Party reclaimed Wakefield in northern England from Johnson’s Tories. The contests, triggered by the resignations of Conservative lawmakers hit by sex scandals, offered voters the chance to give their verdict on the prime minister just weeks after 41% of his own MPs voted to oust him.

Guantanamo inmate freed: An Afghan prisoner held in U.S. custody for nearly 15 years has been released from the Guantanamo Bay detention center after a federal court ruled that he was unlawfully detained, the U.S. Department of Defense said Friday. Asadullah Haroon Gul’s release was first announced



Migrants run on Spanish soil Friday after crossing fences separating the Spanish enclave of Melilla from Morocco in North Africa. Some 130 migrants breached the border, the first such incursion since the two countries mended diplomatic relations last month. A spokesperson for the Spanish government said about 2,000 people tried to enter Melilla. JAVIER BERNARDO/AP

earlier in the day by the Taliban in Afghanistan and an international human rights group.

The United States opened the detention center under President George W. Bush in January 2002 and it later became notorious after reports emerged of detainees being humiliated and tortured.

Gul was greeted upon landing in Doha, Qatar, by top Taliban official Suhail Shaheen, who said Gul would soon fly home to Afghanistan.

In a statement, the Department of Defense said Gul’s release was in accord with a district court in Washington’s decision that the United States “no longer has a legal basis to justify the continued detention” of Gul. The statement also thanked Qatar for its assistance without providing any details.

Afghanistan quake: Tents, food and medical supplies rolled into the mountainous region of eastern Afghanistan where thousands were left homeless or injured by

this week’s powerful earthquake, which state media said killed 1,150 people. A new aftershock Friday took five more lives and deepened the misery.

Among the dead from Wednesday’s magnitude 6 quake are 121 children, but that figure is expected to climb, said Mohamed Ayoya, UNICEF’s representative in Afghanistan. He said almost 70 children were injured.

The quake struck a remote, deeply impoverished region of small towns and villages tucked among rough mountains near the Pakistani border, collapsing stone and mud-brick homes and in some cases killing entire families. Nearly 3,000 homes were destroyed or badly damaged in Paktika and Khost provinces, state media reported.

The effort to help the victims has been slowed by geography and by Afghanistan’s decimated condition.

Pelosi’s husband charged: Paul Pelosi, the husband of Speaker of the House

Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., was charged Thursday with driving under the influence in connection with a crash he was in last month.

Paul Pelosi, 82, was arrested following the May 28 crash in Napa County, north of San Francisco, after a DUI test showed he had a blood alcohol content level of .082%. The blood sample was taken about two hours after the collision occurred at 10:17 p.m., the Napa County District Attorney’s Office said in a statement.

He was driving a 2021 Porsche into an intersection near the town of Yountville and was hit by a 2014 Jeep, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Bow-and-arrow attack: A man was found guilty Friday of murder and attempted murder for fatally stabbing five people and wounding four others in southern Norway when he attacked strangers with a bow and arrows and knives.

The Buskerud District Court sentenced Espen

Andersen Brathen, 38, to compulsory mental health care. Three forensic psychiatric experts who assessed him concluded he has chronic paranoid schizophrenia and was mentally ill at the time of the attack last Oct. 13.

Both the prosecution and the defense had called for compulsory mental health care for him.

Brathen was also found guilty of 11 counts of attempted murder for shooting at people with a bow and arrows in Kongsberg, a former mining town of 26,000 people. He was carrying 62 arrows and four knives at the time of the attack.

The three-judge court said the defendant had explained during the trial “that he had decided to kill people in order to achieve rebirth. He said he thought he was going to go blind.”

Brathen’s defense lawyer, Fredrik Neumann, said, according to Norwegian broadcaster NRK, that his client “had delusions with religious and magical content.”



A Ukrainian serviceman holds rocket fragments Friday while passing through the ruins of the sports complex of the National Technical University in Kharkiv, Ukraine. ANDRII MARIENKO/AP

WAR IN UKRAINE

Battered Ukraine forces start retreat from Sievierodonetsk

By Marc Santora, Thomas Gibbons-Neff and Ivan Nechepurenko
The New York Times

After weeks of bloody street-by-street fighting and months of withering Russian bombardment, Ukrainian forces fighting in the eastern city of Sievierodonetsk will retreat from the city, the local governor said Friday.

Serhiy Haidai, the head of the Luhansk region’s military administration, said that it “does not make sense” to hold on to what he described as broken positions in the city any longer.

“The number of people killed will increase every day,” he said. “It was decided that our defenders would retreat to new positions, fortified areas, and from there conduct hostilities and inflict damage on the enemy.”

The fall of the ruined industrial city on the east bank of the Siversky Donets River means that Russia can fully concentrate its forces on taking its twin city on the west bank of the river, Lysychansk, the last pocket of land in Luhansk province

under Ukrainian government control.

The Kremlin has devoted a large portion of its combat forces to the capture of the city and the 30-mile-wide enclave surrounding it as it seeks to advance westward in the Donbas region — the mineral-rich industrial heartland of Ukraine.

Russia’s Defense Ministry said Friday that its troops had captured 10 Ukrainian villages in the Luhansk region over the past five days and claimed to have cornered up to 2,000 Ukrainian soldiers in the area. The ministry’s claims, which have proved overstated or false in the past, could not be independently verified. A spokesperson for Ukraine’s defense ministry said the Russian report was categorically false.

Yet with their advance stalled on the outskirts of Lysychansk, the Russians have begun focusing more on the supply routes into the city. Although some damaged roads and bridges remain largely traversable, vehicles must slow down to pass craters and debris, allowing Russian artillery more time to target them.

To take Sievierodonetsk, Russia had to devastate it with artillery strikes. The Ukrainian government has said about 90% of the buildings are destroyed. There are an estimated 8,000 civilians in the city, and Ukrainian officials have said they cannot safely be evacuated to Ukrainian-controlled territory.

The fight for the twin cities has been among the bloodiest of the war, with both sides suffering heavy casualties. Over the course of the battle, the Ukrainians made desperate pleas to the West to speed up delivery of heavy weapons. As the battle intensified, Ukrainian officials said that as many as 200 soldiers a day were dying in eastern Ukraine.

The Russians have also suffered staggering losses, according to military analysts, but have continued to pour men, armor and artillery into the fight for this one pocket of land about the size of Detroit.

The situation across the river in Lysychansk is growing more perilous, and the city is in grave danger of being encircled by Russian forces.



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EU leaders meet to tackle war’s economic upheavals

Committed to sanctions, bloc faces fuel problems, inflation, budgetary strain

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — A day after endorsing Ukraine’s candidacy to join the European Union, the bloc’s leaders turned their attention Friday to the severe economic turbulence from Russia’s war in the neighboring country as the conflict’s full impact sinks in and the threat of recession rises.

The EU’s 27 leaders gathered in Brussels to grapple with surging inflation, energy shocks, dwindling business and consumer confidence, and growing budget pressures.

The leaders also will have to contend with higher borrowing costs as the European Central Bank prepares to raise interest rates for the first time in 11 years to counter runaway price increases. ECB President Christine Lagarde, who plans to raise rates next month and again in September, joined the EU summit to discuss the darkening economic outlook.

The EU has spent the previous decade battling a series of crises, ranging from Greece’s financial woes and transatlantic trade disruptions under former U.S. Presi-

dent Donald Trump to Britain’s departure from the bloc and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The EU’s executive arm, the European Commission, on Friday announced plans to issue \$52.7 billion of EU bonds to aid member countries between July and December as part of its flagship economic recovery program.

With no end to the war in sight and the EU committed to stepping up sanctions against Russia as punishment, the bloc must battle economic threats on multiple fronts.

Energy poses a major challenge for the EU, which for years has relied heavily on Russian oil, natural gas and coal.

Under pressure to keep pace with American and British penalties against Russia, the EU since April has expanded what were already unprecedented sanctions by targeting Russian fuels. A ban on imports of Russian coal will start in August and an embargo on most oil from Russia will be phased in over the coming eight months.

Meanwhile, Moscow itself is disrupting natural gas deliveries, which the EU didn’t include in its own sanctions for fear of

seriously harming the European economy. Before the war, the bloc got about 40% of its gas from Russia.

The heads of state and government meeting in Brussels plan to step up preparations for further gas cuts from Russia and to continue searching for other suppliers. The EU already has increased deliveries from the United States, Algeria, Azerbaijan and Norway. The leaders also debated possible changes to the bloc’s price-setting system for electricity.

Pressing for an EU-wide cap on energy prices, Italian Premier Mario Draghi noted that energy costs drive inflation. He expressed satisfaction that the European Commission plans in September to hammer out a report on prospects for energy caps ahead of the next European Council meeting, when they will be on the agenda.

In May, the European Commission said the EU’s economic output would expand 2.7% this year and 2.3% in 2023 after 5.4% growth in 2021. Other forecasts have already downgraded growth prospects.

Juul takes step to halt FDA ban on e-cigarettes

By Tom Murphy
Associated Press

Juul on Friday asked a federal court to block a government order to stop selling its electronic cigarettes.

The e-cigarette maker asked the court to pause what it calls an “extraordinary and unlawful action” by the Food and Drug Administration. The company filed an emergency motion with the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington as it prepares to appeal the FDA’s decision.

The FDA said Thursday that Juul must stop selling its vaping device and its tobacco and menthol flavored cartridges. The action was part of a sweeping effort by the agency to bring scientific scrutiny to the multibillion-dollar vaping industry after years of regulatory delays.

To stay on the market, companies must show that their e-cigarettes benefit public health. In practice, that means proving that adult smokers who use them are likely to quit or reduce their smoking, while teens are unlikely to get hooked on them.

The FDA said Juul’s application left regulators with significant questions and didn’t include enough information to evaluate any potential health risks.

Juul, a top seller, was widely blamed for a surge in underage vaping a few years ago, but a recent federal survey showed a drop in the teen vaping rate and a shift away from Juul’s products.

The devices heat a nicotine solution into a vapor that’s inhaled, bypassing many of the toxic chemicals produced by burning tobacco.

The company said in its Friday court filing that it submitted a 125,000-page application to the FDA nearly two years ago. It said the application included several studies to evaluate the health risks among Juul users.



New York-based Uber and Lyft driver Wallace Reid says he’s working more, but also seeking a job that won’t require a car. JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Driving force to find options

Workers who rely on their vehicles making changes to counter impact of gas prices

By Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press

DETROIT — High gas prices have Wallace Reid looking for a new career.

Reid, who drives for Uber and Lyft in New York, fills up his Lexus at least three times a week. He pays around \$95 each time, about double what he was paying last year. To make up for that, he’s driving more often, but he’s also applying for other jobs that wouldn’t require his car.

“It’s more hours, more stress,” he said. “New York City is not an easy city to work and it’s affecting our lives.”

Reid isn’t alone.

Millions of Americans who rely on their cars for work are changing their habits, signing up for carpools or even ditching their cars for bicycles as gas prices recently hit \$5 per gallon for the first time ever.

On Wednesday, President Joe Biden asked Congress to suspend federal gas taxes for three months, which would shave 18.4 cents per gallon off the price of gas. He also urged states to suspend their own gas taxes.

Biden’s push faces uphill odds in Congress. In the meantime, gas is straining budgets.

Jace Shoemaker-Galloway agonized over whether to charge more for Paws and Whiskers Sitters, her pet-sitting business in Macomb, Illinois. She visits as many as 10 houses each day and fills up her 2018 Mazda CX-3 almost every week. One recent fill-up cost her nearly \$50.

“The cost isn’t just impacting my bottom line,” she said. “Because the price of everything is so expensive, people are cutting back on non-essentials.”

In a normal summer, Orvilvia Nieto might do some traveling in the RV she lives in in Lytle, Texas. But that might not happen this year. She is struggling to fill the tank of her 2008 Ford Expedition SUV so she can get to her job at a T.J. Maxx distribution center in San Antonio, 20 miles away. A handful of colleagues on her shift, which ends at 2:30 a.m., ride their bikes home in the dark.

“If we lived in the city it would be easier, could take the bus,” she said, “but at the end of the shift at 2:30 in the morning, what bus line is available?”

Jill Chapman, a senior performance consultant with Insperity, a Texas-based human resources and recruitment company, said gas prices and commute

lengths are increasingly a sticking point with job candidates. Chapman said companies may want to consider temporary bonuses, incentives for public transit or gas cards to help their employees.

David Lewis, the CEO of Operations Inc., a Norwalk, Connecticut-based human resources consulting company, has around 100 employees in Norwalk. Before COVID-19, 85% of them were in the office at least two days a week. Now, maybe 25% of them are. Lewis — and many of his clients — would like to see employees in the office more, but say gas prices are a barrier.

“If you are the company that requires everyone to come in all the time, you’re a pariah,” he said.

For those who must commute, there can be options.

On Tuesday, Uber announced it was bringing back discounted shared rides in nine cities this summer, including Chicago, Los Angeles and New York. Organizations that link carpools say they are seeing more participants.

But others say they simply have to hustle harder.

Brian Scheall, an Uber driver in Tampa, Florida, pays \$75 every time he fills up his Volkswagen Atlas. “You can make money but you have to work, work, work,” he said.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Pakistan’s stock market plunges

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan’s stock exchange briefly halted trading Friday after its benchmark index, the Karachi Stock Exchange, plunged more than 2,000 points following an announcement by Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif that he was imposing a 10% tax on major industries.

Sharif, who appeared on state-run Pakistan Television TV and almost all other stations in the country, warned that the economy was on the verge of bankruptcy. He said he was taking the measures to “save the country and avoid further taxes on the poor.”

The new tax would apply to industries such as cement, steel, sugar, banking, textile and others. There would also be new, graduated taxes on the wealthy. The measures are expected to go into effect July 1.

Netflix lays off more employees

Netflix laid off 300 people, the second consecutive month that the streaming giant has cut staff as it confronts declining subscriber growth and a falling share price.

“Today we sadly let go of around 300 employees,” the company said in a statement Thursday. “While we continue to invest significantly in the business, we made these adjustments so that our costs are growing in line with our slower revenue growth.”

Last month, Netflix laid off 150 workers, including staff working at Tudum, which was part of the company’s marketing division.

In April, the company announced that it had lost 200,000 subscribers and said that it anticipated losing 2 million more in the second quarter of this year.

Fed: Big banks survive recession stress test

By Emily Flitter
The New York Times

NEW YORK — The largest banks in the United States are well capitalized and could weather a severe economic downturn, Federal Reserve officials said Thursday after an annual review of the big banks’ resilience. The tests took on new significance as some economic indicators, such as slowing home sales and rising interest rates, appeared to increase the likelihood of a recession in the near future.

The Fed tested the 34 largest banks operating in the United States, looking at how their balance sheets would withstand sharp drops in asset prices and a total of \$612 billion in losses, caused mostly by stress in

commercial real estate values and in the markets for corporate debt. Each bank had enough capital to meet regulators’ minimum requirements, even in the worst-case scenario.

The tests are part of an annual checkup regulators began performing on the financial industry after the 2008 financial crisis. Each year, the Fed uses a snapshot of the economy taken at the end of the previous year — this time it was the fourth quarter of 2021 — to design a hypothetical disaster scenario commensurate with the economy’s current strength. The better the economy in actuality, the worse the stress-test scenario.

The hypothetical situation the Fed uses to test the banks is not a prediction for the

future, officials emphasized in a phone call with journalists Thursday. They added that the banks’ success in this year’s tests was particularly notable considering that many banks had gotten rid of cash, releasing some reserves they had set aside during the pandemic to prepare for sudden losses.

Francisco Covas, head of research at the Bank Policy Institute, a trade group representing many of the country’s largest banks, said in a statement that the scenario the Fed had devised for this year was worse than any recession since World War II, including the one after the 2008 financial crisis.

“Large banks continue to be in an excellent position to lend to households and businesses and support U.S. economic growth,” Covas said.

North America cross border freight

Transborder freight between U.S., Canada and Mexico, April 2022

Truck	\$79.6 billion
Rail	\$19.3 billion
Pipeline	\$12.6 billion
Vessel	\$13.2 billion
Air	\$5.0 billion

SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics TNS

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The White House is partnering with 11 governors to boost the offshore wind industry, a key part of President Joe Biden's plan to combat climate change. STEVE HELBER/AP 2020

Biden, East Coast governors boost offshore wind projects

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House is launching a formal partnership with 11 East Coast governors to boost the growing offshore wind industry, a key element of President Joe Biden's plan to combat climate change.

Biden and other top administration officials met with governors and labor leaders Thursday at the White House to announce commitments to expand important segments of the offshore industry, including manufacturing facilities, ports and workforce training and development.

The partnership comprises the governors of both parties from Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

Missing from the compact is Virginia, where Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin has moved to withdraw the state from a regional carbon-limiting initiative meant to combat climate change. A spokes-

person for Youngkin had no immediate comment on the new offshore wind group.

In working with states and the private sector, the White House said it will “provide Americans with cleaner and cheaper energy, create good paying jobs and invest billions in new American energy supply chains,” including construction of wind turbines, shipbuilding and servicing.

Biden has set a goal of deploying 30 gigawatts of offshore wind power by 2030, enough to provide electricity to 10 million homes, support 77,000 jobs and spur \$12 billion per year in private investment in offshore wind. Offshore wind is a key component in the Democratic president's plan to make the nation's electric grid carbon-free by 2035.

The Biden administration has approved two large-scale wind projects, Vineyard Wind in Massachusetts and South Fork Wind off New York and Rhode Island. Both are under construction with union labor. The Interior Department has begun reviews of another 10 offshore projects that, if

approved, would produce 22 gigawatts of clean energy.

Danish wind developer Orsted signed a project labor agreement last month with a national union representing 3 million people in the building trades to construct the company's U.S. offshore wind farms. Orsted currently has six offshore projects in five states.

“We recognize that states are huge players here,” said David Hayes, a White House climate adviser.

With a formal partnership, the Biden administration can “work with the governors on policies going forward and help ensure that there is an American-made supply chain for this brand-new industry,” Hayes said in an interview Wednesday.

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy said in a statement that he and other East Coast governors “are united with our regional and federal partners not just by geography but by a shared commitment to clean and affordable energy, economic opportunity and a future in which all community members are shielded from the worsening impacts of climate change.”

Travel demand collides with cutbacks at Europe's airports

By Kelvin Chan
and Mike Corder
Associated Press

LONDON — It's going to be a chaotic summer for travelers in Europe.

Liz Morgan arrived at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport 4 ½ hours before her flight to Athens, finding the line for security snaking out of the terminal and into a big tent along a road before doubling back inside the main building.

People “couldn't get to the toilet because if you go out of the queue, you lost your spot,” said Morgan, who is from Australia and had tried to save time Monday by checking in online and taking only a carry-on bag.

After two years of pandemic restrictions, travel demand has roared back, but airlines and airports that slashed jobs during the COVID-19 crisis are struggling. With the busy summer tourism season underway in Europe, passengers are encountering chaotic scenes at airports, including lengthy delays and canceled flights.

Schiphol, the Netherlands' busiest airport, is trimming flights, saying there are thousands of airline seats per day above the capacity that security staff can handle. Dutch carrier KLM apologized for stranding passengers there this month.

London's Gatwick and Heathrow airports are asking airlines to cap their flight numbers. Discount carrier easyJet is scrapping thousands of summer flights to avoid last-minute cancellations and in response to caps at Gatwick and Schiphol. North American airlines wrote to Ireland's transport chief demanding urgent action to tackle “significant delays” at Dublin's airport.

It's a similar story in the United States as airlines canceled thousands of flights last week.

“In the vast majority of



Travelers wait to check in Tuesday at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport. Travel demand has come roaring back after two years of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. PETER DEJONG/AP

cases, people are traveling,” said Julia Lo Bue-Said, CEO of the Advantage Travel Group, which represents about 350 U.K. travel agents. But airports have staff shortages, and it's taking a lot longer to process security clearances for newly hired workers, she said.

The Biden administration scrapping COVID-19 tests for people entering the U.S. is giving an extra boost to pent-up demand for transatlantic travel. Bue-Said said her group's agents reported a jump in U.S. bookings after the rule was dropped this month.

For American travelers to Europe, the dollar strengthening against the euro and the pound is also a factor, by making hotels and restaurants more affordable.

Thousands of pilots, cabin crew, baggage handlers and other aviation industry workers were laid off during the pandemic, and now there's not enough to cope with the travel rebound.

“Some airlines are struggling because I think they were hoping to recover staffing levels quicker than they've able to do,” said Willie Walsh, head of the International Air Transport Association.

The post-pandemic staff shortage is not unique to the airline industry, Walsh said at the airline trade group's

annual meeting this week in Qatar.

“What makes it difficult for us is that many of the jobs cannot be operated remotely, so airlines have not been able to offer the same flexibility for their workforce as other companies,” he said.

Laid-off aviation workers “have found new jobs with higher wages, with more stable contracts,” said Joost van Doesburg of the FNV union, which represents most staff at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport. “And now everybody wants to travel again,” but workers don't want airport jobs.

The CEO of budget airline Ryanair, Europe's biggest carrier, warned that flight delays and cancellations would continue “right throughout the summer.” Passengers should expect a “less-than-satisfactory experience,” Michael O'Leary told Sky News.

Some European airports haven't seen big problems yet but are bracing. Prague's Václav Havel international airport expects passenger numbers to swell into July, “when we might experience a lack of staffers, especially at the security checks,” spokeswoman Klara Diviskova said.

The airport is short “dozens of staffers,” she said.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Saturday, June 25, 2022

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▲ **10-YR T-BOND**
3.13% +0.6

▲ **GOLD**
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Dow Jones Industrials
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Change: 823.32 (2.7%)

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	107.62	104.27	+43.09%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	6.22	6.24	+66.76%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.88	3.77	+74.34%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,826.50	1,825.70	-.05%
Silver (oz)	21.12	21.03	-9.48%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange			Money Rates		
ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx			CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Britain	1.2269	.8150	Prime rate	4.75	4.00
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China	.1495	6.6898	6-mo. T-Bill	2.49	2.31
Euro	1.0548	.9480	5-yr T-Note	3.18	3.38
Japan	.007394	135.25	10-yr T-Note	3.12	3.39
Mexico	.050302	19.8801	30-yr T-Bond	3.25	3.41

Global Markets				
	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG. %YTD	
Frankfurt	13,118.13	+205.54	+1.59%	-17.42%
London	7,208.81	+188.36	+2.68%	-2.38%
Hong Kong	21,719.06	+445.19	+2.09%	-7.17%
Nikkei	26,491.97	+320.72	+1.23%	-7.99%

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	31,500.68	+823.32	-13.31%
DOW Trans.	13,548.30	+516.09	-17.78%
DOW Util.	953.63	+17.89	-2.77%
NYSE Comp.	14,811.55	+409.43	-13.71%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,607.62	+375.43	-25.81%
S&P 500	3,911.74	+116.01	-17.93%
S&P 400	2,334.40	+80.04	-17.86%
Wilshire 5000	38,930.58	+1,177.70	-19.67%
Russell 2000	1,765.74	+54.07	-21.36%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	12.47	+.42	-.54.2	
AT&T Inc (T)	20.99	+.38	-.14.7	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	87.08	+4.65	-.39.5	
Alight Inc (ALIT)	7.48	+.15	-.30.8	
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	116.46	+4.02	-.30.1	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	65.85	+1.82	-.24.7	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	141.66	+3.39	-.20.2	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	46.12	+.37	-.7.5	
Bank of America (BAC)	32.31	+.23	-.27.4	
Barnes Group (B)	31.79	+.36	-.31.8	
Benitec Biopharma (BNTC)	1.22	+.48	-.53.4	
Blue Hat Interactive (BHAT)	2.36	-.37	-.45.5	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	1931.05	+95.99	-.19.5	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	78.96	+1.27	+.26.6	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	94.52	+2.15	-.8.4	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	10.85	+1.20	-.46.1	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	36.30	+1.48	-.33.1	
Charter Communic (CHTR)	463.12	+7.99	-.29.0	
Cigna Corp (CI)	265.13	+5.45	+.15.5	
Clover Hlth Inv (CLOV)	2.23	-.10	-.40.1	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	39.57	+.46	-.21.4	
ContextLogic Inc (WISH)	1.95	-.06	-.37.3	
Disney (DIS)	97.78	+3.48	-.36.9	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	105.63	+5.52	-.17.1	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	21.36	+.05	-.18.8	
Eversource Energy (ES)	83.35	+1.25	-.8.4	
Biofem Biosciences (EVFM)	.37	+.05	-.93.4	
Xela Technologies (XELA)	.15	-.01	-.82.4	
Ford Motor (F)	12.01	+.45	-.42.2	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.90	-.03	-.25.0	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	222.33	+5.73	+.6.6	
Gen Electric (GE)	67.08	+3.01	-.29.0	
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg (DNA)	2.86	-.08	-.65.6	
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MetLife Inc (MET)	64.22	+2.89	+.2.8	
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.46	...	-.72.1	
Novartis AG (NVS)	84.83	+2.97	-.3.0	
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	171.26	+9.01	-.41.8	
Occid Petl (OXY)	57.52	+1.43	+.98.4	
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	70.86	+2.27	-.18.6	
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Pfizer Inc (PFE)	51.59	+1.50	-.12.6	
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	3.87	+.12	-.41.6	
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	97.41	+4.92	-.10.0	
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

People leave a mess at Tunxis Mead Park

Farmington provides Tunxis Mead Park to residents and visitors, yet people don't seem to care. Dog walkers go to the trouble of bagging their dogs' feces but leave the bags on the trail rather than in a garbage can; Parents leave trash on the fields after baseball and soccer games; Hikers and runners leave empty Dr. Scholl's packages, socks and ace bandages just feet from a garbage can; Bicyclists speed down the shared walking along the river without yelling their oncoming presence; Basketball players leave chicken bones and bottles in the courts; Drivers speed in and out of the park putting at risk people walking their dogs, hiking and bicycling; Softball players leave beer bottles in the dugouts and spectators trash the stands so that volunteer coaches of the girls softball team have to clean up before they can practice the next day; The town just redid the artificial surface on the soccer field yet players trash it with wrappers and bottles.

It's time to replace the pervasive sense of entitlement sans responsibility with consideration for others.

Garrison Leykam, Farmington

It will take real compromise to fix things

Democrats have been the party of ideas and progress in all areas of modern life since the Obama years [Opinion, Page 12, June 15, "How Democrats are planning to win back control of the House"]. The discontent with many of these policies was evident during the Donald Trump years but ever since, a full-court press on progressive ideas has been unmistakable. It looks like the complete repudiation of Trump, which continues to this day, has coincided with the worst possible situation for families looking for government to help. Starting with the pandemic and looking at the economy, energy prices, education, crime and health care, this one party now demonstrates failure in just about all areas. By eschewing collaboration with opponents of extreme change and retaining the responsibility for disastrous inflation, immigration as well as rigid policies on COVID protocols, we will all have a long climb back to normal life. None of the big problems so identified are on the way to solution.

So as the Democrats attempt to shirk responsibility in November, remember that the country is evenly divided and it will take extreme compromise to slowly change things for the better. If you keep things the way they are, we will just have to endure more years of suffering.

Brian O'Neill, Haddam

Trump crew raised \$250M under false pretenses

Outrage and irony figure prominently in the televised hearings of the Jan. 6 committee. Outrage because of all the misery that one man, single-handedly, unleashed on this country. Irony because the only fraud in the 2020 election and its aftermath was perpetrated on Donald Trump's most ardent followers.

We now learn that by protracting the pointless challenges to the election into December and beyond, the Trump crew was able to raise \$250 million under false pretenses. That money was not used for work related to challenging the election, though that would have been bad enough. Instead, it found its way to places such as a Mark Meadows "foundation," Trump hotels and most galling of all, to Donald Trump Jr.'s girlfriend, who rallied the troops in a 2½ minute speech on Jan. 6 and was paid \$60,000. That money came from small donations of MAGA people who drank the Kool-Aid, big time.

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OP-ED

Outlawing elective abortions increases danger for women

By Lawrence Lazor

We are all living in a political era fraught with division. Our politics are steeped in tension and charged with emotion and no issue is more volatile than abortion. As the Republican nominee for Connecticut's 1st Congressional District and an OBGYN who's been practicing for more than 30 years, I feel I have a unique perspective to add to the discussion — both on abortion and on our approach to politics more broadly.

I have been clear from the beginning of my candidacy that I support abortion rights. This is not a position I came to lightly. Anything but. I've had countless difficult exam room discussions with patients over the past 30 years. I have seen children pregnant from incest, pregnancies caused by sexual assault, fetuses with anomalies significant enough to call the baby's quality of life into question, and women who have medical comorbidities that make pregnancy a life-threatening proposition. In all of these cases, the ability to opt for an abortion is important.

True, most first-trimester abortions don't have any of these extenuating circumstances, but I also support elective abortions until the baby is viable. This position is also informed by my patient care experience. Unplanned pregnancies are just that, unplanned. While we can and should ask ourselves what we would do if we found ourselves, our significant others, our daughters, our sisters facing such a difficult situation, we don't truly know unless it happens. I've had countless patients and families from every conceivable background reconsider their previous opposition to abortion when they find themselves suddenly facing an unplanned pregnancy. Everyone deserves empathy — and I believe this group also deserves the benefit of the doubt.

There are plenty of reasons why protecting elective abortions is best for the potential mother, best for the family and best for society. Outlawing elective abortions will result in increased danger for women, as some will invariably risk their lives attempting to induce an abortion using unsafe means. Further, physicians expect that a ban on abortions would lead to more children born into situations where an unstable parental relationship, financial hardship, medical issues, or mental health struggles come into play. An abortion ban would increase the number of children born into families without the social, emotional, or financial resources to care for these unplanned children, rais-



A celebration outside the U.S. Supreme Court on Friday. The Supreme Court has ended constitutional protections for abortion that had been in place nearly 50 years — a decision by its conservative majority to overturn the court's landmark abortion cases. **STEVE HELBER/AP**

ing the question of whether we want to commit the resources we would need to respond to the consequences of mandating every unplanned pregnancy be carried to term.

To be clear, abortion is the last resort. In Congress, I would vote to outlaw any elective termination of a healthy pregnancy after medical viability (20 weeks from conception). At that point, the calculus changes. At 20 weeks in, the fetus meets the broadly accepted medical definition of human life and the mother has had ample time to consider getting an abortion.

I understand that as a Republican, my pro-choice position makes me a sort of unicorn in this political climate, but I believe that doing so is important. As a congressional candidate, voters deserve to know where I stand so they aren't confused or misled. It's also a chance to remind people that there's room to deviate from the views of their camp for the sake of compromise, progress, deeply held moral beliefs, or some combination of the three.

I'm a Republican because I believe in limited government. That said, the abortion issue is one I feel we Republicans have gotten wrong. Further, it's one we need to move away from — especially if we want to win the support of a wider, more diverse swath of the American public. Those I side with in the abortion debate

aren't blameless either. Attention-grabbing tactics like staging mock abortions in front of churches and purposefully antagonizing pro-life demonstrators aren't helping anyone. We need to show more empathy and respect.

Mindless tribalism from both camps distracts us from the fact that there's a lot we can agree on. Whether or not we support abortion, we can agree that it's in everyone's best interest to minimize unplanned pregnancies. We can come together to implement policies to do just that, starting with making quality sex education more widely available, discouraging risky sexual behavior and expanding access to birth control, especially IUDs.

I understand that this is a difficult to talk about, as opinions are both deeply held and very personal. I am aware that there are many thoughtful people who disagree with my viewpoint and I respect that their beliefs come from a place of good intentions. What I'd call for on this and every issue — whether you're pro-life or pro-choice — is a mindset centered on building consensus and respect rather than division and distrust. That is the roadmap toward progress for all Americans.

Lawrence Lazor is a Republican running to represent the 1st Congressional District.

OP-ED

How many Rusty Bowers Republicans are out there?

By E.J. Dionne Jr.
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Note to every politician in the GOP: You have to decide. You can be a Rusty Bowers Republican. Or you can be a Donald Trump Republican.

You can be someone who says to Donald Trump's consigliere Rudy Giuliani: "Look, you are asking me to do something that is counter to my oath, when I swore to the Constitution to uphold it. And I also swore to the Constitution and the laws of the state of Arizona. And this is totally foreign as an idea or a theory to me."

That's the road Arizona House Speaker Russell "Rusty" Bowers took when he refused to set aside the decision of his state's voters to support Democrat Joe Biden — even though Bowers had supported and campaigned for Trump.

Or you can be someone for whom it is oaths, laws, the Constitution and the preservation of democracy that are entirely foreign to his worldview. For Trump, power and self-interest are all.

And so Trump encouraged violence against election workers, asked Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to "find 11,780 votes" for him that didn't exist, and encouraged his campaign to support fake electoral college slates that would back him even though their states had supported Biden.

Many moments in the Jan. 6 committee hearings have underscored that there is a moral vacuum where Trump's conscience should be. But there is something even worse than the attempted cheating and lawbreaking and lying. It is the former president's willingness to target public servants who do their duty and egg on supporters to threaten them with violence.

Every Republican officeholder should listen several times to the words of Ruby Freeman, a Georgia election worker falsely accused of wrongdoing by Trump and his cronies: "Do you know how it feels to have the president of the United States target you?"

Her daughter, Shaye Moss, who also did



Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers, left, testifies as the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol continues to reveal its findings of a yearlong investigation Tuesday. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP**

civic service as an election worker, testified about Trump supporters breaking into her grandmother's home to perform a "citizen's arrest." She told of how hateful, racist threats turned her into a recluse and made her gain 60 pounds.

Republican politicians have been stunningly quiet about the big doings at the Jan. 6 hearings. Their reticence speaks to the success of the investigative committee. It has put forward so much convincing evidence of Trump's wrongdoing — with most of the testimony coming from Republicans — that GOP leaders are finding few ways of either defending him or discrediting the work of the committee. Its "just the facts, ma'am" approach leaves little room for dissent.

But silence is not the right response. Anyone who has read accounts of the hearings, let alone watched them in detail, can come to only one conclusion about Trump, what he tried to do with power and what he'd do if he ever came close to power again.

Refusing to break with Trump now, forcefully and definitively, is to demonstrate a complete indifference to what

the ethics of a constitutional republic and democracy require. Remaining aloof is the opposite of being an Edmund Burke conservative — the sort who, like that 18th-century politician and philosopher, understands that institutions must be nurtured and that rule by mobs is dangerous.

Their terror of Trump's power in Republican primaries can no longer be their excuse. Burke was right: "No passion so effectually robs the mind of all its powers of acting and reasoning as fear."

They should let Bowers set them free to reason and act. A solid conservative, he stood up for his oath — and what he saw as the demands of his faith — when doing so was hard, when he was besieged by Trump and his henchmen. Is he not the sort of Republican a patriotic American could tell their children about with pride?

They should let Raffensperger, who beat a Trump-backed candidate in a Georgia primary early this year, set them free. He offered a simple but weighty reason that Trump's election fabrications and manipulations must be rejected — despite Trump's threats and lobbying. "The numbers are the numbers," Raffensperger said. "The numbers don't lie."

And the testimony of Freeman and Moss cries out to Republicans: Turn back from Trump's path once and for all. To hang on to power, Trump was willing to use threats and lies to destroy the lives of two grassroots citizens dedicated to the most basic work of democracy. Can any Republican in good conscience defend what Trump did?

The Jan. 6 committee has done Republicans a great service. It has lifted up members of their party who showed integrity and courage. And it has laid out in lurid detail exactly how egregious Trump's behavior was.

This is the moment for Republicans to rid themselves of Trump. I wish I had more confidence that the party would seize the opportunity.

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OBITUARIES

Madia, Victoria



Victoria Madia, 97, of Plainville, died Wednesday, June 22, 2022. Vicky was born in Plainville on November 15, 1924, the daughter of Anna Maria (Parise) and Domenico Madia. She graduated from Plainville schools and worked in the payroll departments of several local manufacturers, including the Bristol Brass Company.

She was predeceased by her parents and her sister, Ann (Madia) Morelli. She is survived by her niece Joanne Gleba and husband Jeffrey; nephews Edward Morelli, John Morelli, and Stephen Morelli and his wife Margaret; grandnieces Emma Morelli, Anne Victoria (Gleba) Blake, Katherine Morelli, Elizabeth Connelly, and Jessica Morelli; and grandnephews James Hunter Harris, James Connelly IV, and Stephen Morelli.

Vicky was a dedicated aunt and loyal friend. Vicky will be greatly missed by all as a supportive and courageous woman. She had many passions in life, including travel and cooking, and she took great joy from her family's enjoyment of her delicious dishes. She lived life to the fullest and was brave and independent until the end.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Plainville Public Library for their kind support of Vicky's lifelong love of reading. In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor may be made to the Plainville Public Library, 56 E. Main Street, Plainville, CT 06062.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, June 27 at 11:30 AM at at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Everyone is asked to meet directly at the church. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville extends their gratitude to the Madia family for their trust. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com.



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D'Appollonio, Americo



Americo D'Appollonio, 90, of West Hartford, beloved husband for 69 years of Giulia (Panno) D'Appollonio, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Born in Lenola, province of Latina, Italy on January 8, 1932, he was the son of the late Andrea and Giulia (Marrocco) D'Appollonio and came to the U.S. in 1954.

Americo was a highly skilled master mason, working for Filoramo Construction for many years, as well as working for private mason companies, and then retiring from the West Hartford Board of Education. He was a member of the Cittadini Lenolese Club in Farmington and the Millennium Italian Society of Hartford. He enjoyed gardening and making wine with his son, and was a "Jack of all Trades" and "Mr. Fix-it" who could build or repair anything. He was an avid soccer fan, especially Team Roma. More than anything, he loved spending time surrounded by his family.

Americo will be forever missed by his devoted wife Giulia; two children, Andreina Ribeiro and husband Jack and Americo D'Appollonio, Jr. and wife Carmela, all of Rocky Hill and his three adored granddaughters, Giuliana, Laurina and Maria D'Appollonio. He is also survived by his brother, Mario D'Appollonio and wife Mammela and three sisters, Concetina Panno, Filomena Catena and Emilia Antogiovanni, all of Italy, as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family members. He was predeceased by eight siblings, Elda Cardì, Assunta Davia, Pasqualino D'Appollonio, Aldo D'Appollonio, William D'Appollonio, Fulvio D'Appollonio, Rosina Mastrobattista and Erminia DeLuca. The family would like to express their gratitude to the wonderful staff of Hartford Hospital CB3 Unit in the Conklin Building for their care and compassion.

Calling hours will be Monday, June 27 from 9-10:15 a.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish at St. James Church, 767 Elm Street, Rocky Hill. Entombment will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. The Mass will be viewable via livestream at: <https://www.facebook.com/562223317445985>. Donations in Americo's memory may be made to the Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center. Checks may be made payable to Hartford Hospital and mailed to Department of Philanthropy, 80 Seymour Street, P.O. Box 5037, Hartford, CT 06102. Please indicate "Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center" in the memo field of your check or donate online at: <https://giving.harthosp.org/donate>. To share a memory of Americo with his family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Bishel, Robert Sellew



Robert Sellew Bishel, 90, died on June 21, 2022, the first day of his favorite season, in Middletown. He was born on February 22, 1932, in Middletown, son of Sherman and Dorothy (Sellew) Bishel. Bob graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1950 and then worked as a carpenter. He was a combat veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving in the 45th Infantry Division. After the war he married, built his own home in Haddam, and raised his two daughters.

Bob was well known in Middletown from Smith & Bishel Hardware and from the Exchange Club, of which he was the president in 1976. He learned to fly small aircraft, was an avid golfer, collected antiques, and handcrafted beautiful furniture and reproductions. Bob is survived by his wife of 65 years, Elaine (Wilson), his daughters, Jody Bishel and her husband Daniel Buckley, of Ansonia, and Lynn Bishel of Wethersfield; his grandson Christian Buckley of Marlborough, MA; his brother Arthur Bishel of Middletown and sister Betsey Dean of Myrtle Beach, SC; and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may call on Tuesday evening, June 28 from 5:00 -7:00 pm at the Doolittle Funeral Home, 14 Old Church Street, Middletown. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday morning, June 29 at 10:00 at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery where full military honors will be accorded. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Wounded Warrior Fund (woundedwarriorproject.org) or Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome (oldrhinebeck.org). To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Edens, David G.



David Gilland Edens passed away on June 20, 2022, at the age of 94. Born in Lumberton, NC, he led a charmed life. In high school he was known as a prankster and class clown and had a wonderful sense of humor. He served in the occupation army of Japan, where he managed the officer's club for non-commissioned officers. He attended Chapel Hill, and while there

he met the stunningly beautiful Sandra in a Viennese pastry shop and 6 months later, they were married and they were together for 69 and a ½ years. They had three children, with whom he was exceedingly patient. After working several years for Westinghouse, he returned to school and earned a PhD in Economics at the University of Virginia. He achieved Associate Professor at the University of Connecticut and later served as an economic advisor in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Egypt, Sudan and Oman. Upon returning home, he went back to the classroom and taught economics at Eastern Connecticut State College. He was an active member of CLIR (Continued Learning in Retirement). He is survived by his wife Sandra Edens (née Jamieson), his son Christopher and wife Bakiye, his son James and wife Sandy, his daughter Patricia, his beloved dear dog Bella, grandchildren Genevieve and her partner Carson, Jocelyn, Dogacan, David, Robert and his wife Abigail, step-grandchildren Amanda and her husband Micael, Nicholas and Jonathan and great grandchildren Sylvia, Robert, Micael and Xavier. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Sandy's Tattered Tails Animal Sanctuary or a local animal rescue of your choice. Services are at the convenience of the family.

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Zocco, Clorinda D.Della-Nave



Clorinda D. (Della-Nave) Zocco 96, longtime East Hartford resident, loving wife to the late Carmen C. Zocco, peacefully passed away at her home Monday, June 20, 2022 with her family by her side. Clorinda was born May 13, 1926 and raised in East Hartford, one of four daughters to the late Virgilio and Letizia (Michielutti) Della-Nave.

Employed as a colorist for Loring Studio and, later working for the Hartford Insurance Group, she retired prior to having her first child in 1954. Clorinda enjoyed being a Homemaker and raising her three sons. She was well-known for her excellent cooking, as well as her passion of being an Artist. She loved quilting, watercolor and oil painting, plus sculpting. As a member of the East Hartford Art League, she displayed her works at many shows and enjoyed visiting and painting the Rose Garden at Elizabeth Park. As a devout Christian, Clorinda was a communicant of St Christopher's church.

Clorinda will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by her family: two sons, Carmen D. Zocco who, had been residing with her and James M. Zocco and his wife Cheryl; her daughter-in-law, Lin Zocco and two sisters, Mary Heinz and Gina DeFranzo. Additionally, she leaves a cherished grandson, Jacob Zocco, his wife Rocio, and their two children, Shenglian and Kai, as well as many loved nieces and nephews. Along with her husband and parents, Clorinda was predeceased by her beloved son, Steven R. Zocco; he sister, Anna Brugnetti and her cherished great-grandson, Sebastian Zocco.

Friends and relatives may pay their respects to the Zocco family on Monday, June 27, from 5-7 p.m. at the D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St., East Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 28, at 11:00 a.m. in St Christopher Church of St. Edmund Campion Parish, 538 Brewer St., East Hartford (Attendees are asked to go directly to the church). Following the Mass, Clorinda will be laid to rest next to her husband Carmen in Silver Lane Cemetery, East Hartford. The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorial donations be made to St Christopher Church of St. Edmund Campion Parish. To extend online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.desopoeh.com.



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Taravella, James F



James "Jim" Taravella died peacefully on Tuesday June 21 at the age of 64, after more than 7 years of standing up to cancer and giving life everything he had. Known for his generosity, wit and love of sports, he continued to be the brightest light in the room until the very end.

Jim was a Suffield staple. A 1975 graduate of Suffield High School, who did a four-year stint in the Navy, he created and operated a series of small businesses. They included The Sports Stop, a popular sporting goods store in the center of town in the 1990s, and Two Guys Painting, which was mostly just Jim painting. He coached middle and high school basketball teams for 25 years, and was a founder of Suffield Travel Basketball. While there are no official statistics, everyone agrees he was the winningest coach in its history. A devout Yankees fan, Jim loved to talk sports and even had his own talk radio show on a local channel for a few years.

Jim's generosity was legendary. He was the first person to offer help to someone in need whether it was a family member, friend or total stranger. If you ever walked through a city with Jim, you know he went out of his way to give money to those in need—even if it was his last dollar.

Jim loved animals, and they loved him. He once took a blind dog to work instead of leaving it in the street, and then went door to door to find its owner; paused in the middle of a game of golf to free a llama whose head was stuck in a fence; and often stopped his car to help a random turtle cross the street.

Jim is survived by his wife Maureen; four children, Dylan Taravella, Kristen Saunders and her husband Matt, Trevor Timm and his wife Kashmir, and Justin Timm; his sister Linda Hellyar and brother Gary Taravella. Deemed an honorary Canadian by Maureen's family, he will be greatly missed by his family in the north. He found his greatest joy in the role of Grandpa Jim to Braden, Elleav, Kaia, and Sophia.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held on July 1 at 3pm. Please contact a family member for details. For memorial donations, please consider RevitalizeCDC.com, an organization Jim worked closely with. It contributes to the greater Springfield community in ways individual families need.

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Lamont goes after labor endorsement

Seeking AFL-CIO backing at state convention, governor gets unexpected credit for transit deal

By Mark Pazniokas
CT Mirror

Did Gov. Ned Lamont and U.S. Labor Secretary Marty Walsh play unheralded roles in resolving a contract dispute and averting further labor actions by bus drivers in Connecticut who already had staged a sick out? That was a suggestion Thursday as Lamont glided through a public interview for a reelection endorsement by the Connecticut AFL-CIO convention, a reflection of what organized labor sees as an obvious choice between an incumbent

Democrat and a Republican challenger who declined to participate. Lamont navigated a careful path in responding to 47 written questions posed prior to the public interview, offering noncommittal or negative answers on 10 items — most notably rejecting a surcharge on capital gains and a higher income tax on the wealthiest 1% sought by unions. But labor delegates gathered at Foxwoods Resort Casino overlooked those differences, instead applauding his support for raises for state employees, a law committing Connecticut to a \$15 mini-

mum wage next year, and a ban on “captive audience” meetings that unions say are used to thwart organizing. One delegate, Veronica V. Chavers, the president and business agent of Local 443 of the Amalgamated Transit Union, unexpectedly pulled back the curtain on the Biden administration’s and Lamont campaign’s interest in resolving a contract dispute with about 1,200 transit workers in Connecticut. She credited the involvement of Dave Roche, a retired building trades leader who works for Lamont’s campaign as a liaison to labor, for helping break a stalemate

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Gov. Ned Lamont enters the ballroom for the gubernatorial candidate interview. The Connecticut AFL-CIO held its 14th biennial political convention at Foxwoods on Thursday. YEHYUN KIM/CT MIRROR



Stephanie Hongo creates sculptures using discarded trash at her home studio in Southington. CLOE POISSON PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

From trash to treasure

Southington artist transforms donated junk into stunning sculptures

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

In the basement of Stephanie Hongo’s Southington home, there is an open bin full of trash. When Hongo sees it, she doesn’t see a mess. She sees an opportunity. Every day she pulls out some of that trash and transforms it into sculptures of magnificent animals. “Idris,” Hongo’s great blue heron, is made of window blinds, zip ties, extension cords, buttons and bottle caps. “Cash,” her long-horn bull, has antler tips made of Barbie legs. Her elephant, “Jericho,” has ears made from plastic Adirondack chairs and a head made of takeout containers. The ears of her giraffe, “Stella,” are cut-up basketballs.

“I want, when you first see it, for

you to read it as an animal. Then you look closer because you see something ‘off’ about it, that looks a little peculiar,” Hongo said. On Saturday, Hongo — whose professional moniker is Sugarfox — will present a few of her animal sculptures in a one-night-only show in Hartford. She is one of dozens of artists who will participate in 2022 ART maniFESTation: RiseUP for Change, at the Thomas Hooker Live taproom-performance space. The benefit art party — which will feature performances, exhibits, food and drink — is set up as a recognition of muralists who have created artworks in the state. Hongo is one of those artists. Her mural, in the main corridor

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“People are glad that they’re not just throwing it away, that some use is going to come out of it,” said Hongo. Her work will be featured in the 2022 ART maniFESTation: RiseUP for Change exhibit Saturday in Hartford.

Public arts gets \$5M in funding

Hartford Creates joint initiative aims to make city a hub for creativity

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The City of Hartford will spend more than \$1 million a year for the next three years funding public art events — performing arts and visual arts — in a collaboration with the Greater Hartford Arts Council, Mayor Luke Bronin said on Friday. In a news conference at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch in Bushnell Park, Bronin and Arts Council CEO Shelley D. Best announced a partnership to spend the money, which is part of the city’s allocation from the American Rescue Plan, on the Hartford Creates initiative. Bronin called Hartford Creates a “broader initiative to celebrate the arts in Hartford.” “This is about physical art installations around our city that will beautify our public spaces and create opportunities for Hartford artist to display their work. This is about doing the thoughtful planning that makes effective arts activation possible,” he said. The city previously announced that Hartford’s total ARP allocation was \$112 million, and that \$5.85 million would be spent on arts and culture initiatives. City spokesman Akash Kaza said Hartford Creates represents about 60% of that \$5.85 million. The plans for spending the remaining amount would be announced soon, Kaza said. The first event financed through Hartford Creates will be the addition of one performer, merengue star Raul Acosta, to the Greater Hartford Latino Festival, said Amanda Roy of the Greater Hartford Arts Council. The festival is one of the events in the Summer in the City Series. The

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Minimum wage rises again, to \$14 an hour

Hike takes effect July 1 — and it won’t be the last

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Connecticut’s minimum wage rises to \$14 an hour July 1, up \$1 and cheering as many as 200,000 workers while adding to business owners’ worries about labor shortages and inflation. It’s the fourth annual increase since 2019 and the next raise, to \$15 an hour, is set for June 1, 2023, following a national campaign by organized labor and its allies in state legislatures. Increases will be automatic beginning in 2024, pegged to an index calculated by the U.S. Department of Labor. State law signed by Gov. Ned Lamont in 2019 when the minimum wage was \$10.10 an hour. Business, particularly small

employers, fiercely opposed the legislation as financially burdensome and a blow to workplace flexibility. “Businesses are struggling so hard now to find people,” said Eric Gjede, vice president of government affairs at the Connecticut Business & Industry Association. “That’s a bigger priority.” Lamont said gradual increases would be easier for businesses to absorb. Critics say the minimum wage rises relentlessly regardless of changing economic conditions. Since the law took effect three years ago, the economy briefly went into a recession during the

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Warren Egypt Franklin makes his entrance as Thomas Jefferson in Act Two of “Hamilton” at The Bushnell. JOAN MARCUS/COURTESY

REVIEW

‘Hamilton’ still packs its punch at Bushnell

In musical’s return to Hartford, raps are more raucous, dancing friskier and choruses shoutier

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

It’s fair to ask whether “Hamilton” still packs the power it had seven years ago when it premiered off-Broadway or six years ago when it won 11 Tony Awards or pre-COVID or pre-Donald Trump or pre-Joe Biden. Well, if you’re the room where it happens — in this case at The Bushnell through July 10 — it’s not even a question. Lin-Manuel Miranda’s mega-hit holds up mightily. It’s still a profound piece of storytelling about a dedicated public servant

and flawed human being who kick-started our country and was obsessed with “not throwing away my shot.” “Hamilton” is about leadership and how it’s earned. It’s about management and responsibility. It’s about trust: in government, in family, in friends, in ideas and ideals. It’s also about honor and knowing when to step away from a worsening situation, which is where some of the show’s sharpest moments come from. “Hamilton” is also a great timeless drama that pits its title character against a jealous, bewildered

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2nd arrest made in Feb. murder

The Hartford Police Department made a second arrest in a February murder case that left 21-year-old Allison McCoy dead and another person critically injured.

Ty-Jeir McCray, 18, of Vernon is charged with felony murder, conspiracy to commit felony murder, first-degree assault, first-degree conspiracy to commit assault, first-degree robbery and first-degree conspiracy to commit robbery. He is in custody for an unrelated charge, Hartford Lieutenant Aaron Boisvert said Thursday.

Hartford police were called to 16 Evergreen Ave. around 2:30 a.m. Feb. 7 on reports of an injured person needing medical attention. Police found McCoy with multiple gunshot wounds. She was pronounced dead and the second victim was taken to a nearby hospital in critical condition.

Police previously arrested Troyquan Westberry, 25, of Hartford and charged him with murder, assault and gun charges in June.

McCray is being held on a \$2 million bond, according to police.

— Mike Mavredakis

TORRINGTON

Man, 84, arrested in bank robbery

Torrington police have identified and arrested a suspect in an alleged robbery at a Torrington bank on Wednesday morning.

Officials said they arrested James Thompson, 84, of Avon after identifying the car used in the robbery at Litchfield Bancorp on East Main Street in Torrington.

Police said they received a tip from a person who saw the published photos of the robbery. They located a black 2006 Cadillac DTS registered to Thompson in the driveway of his home while doing surveillance on the property.

Police then police executed a search and seizure warrant and found evidence linked to the crime, including the handgun displayed in the robbery.

According to police, Thompson was wearing a Green Bay Packers hat, jean jacket, dark pants and rubber gloves and displayed a silver handgun at some point during the robbery, police said.

Thompson told police he had fallen on hard times and committed this crime “because of the economy,” according to police.

Thompson was charged with first-degree robbery and third-degree larceny charges after the incident. He is being held on a \$250,000 bond.

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Meriden man faces ghost gun charges

Staff report

Meriden police arrested a local man and charged him with manufacturing ghost guns after a joint investigation with Middletown police.

Members of the Meriden Police Department’s Crime Suppression Unit and the Middletown Police Department’s Street Crime Unit initiated a joint investigation into the illegal sale of firearms in June. During the investigation, police allege, Jonathan Willette was found to be manufacturing illegal firearms, or ghost guns, which were then sold throughout the state, police said.

Members of the Meriden Police Departments Special Weapons and Tactics Team, Meriden Crime Suppression Unit, Middle-

town Street Crimes Unit, Postal Task Force, and the ATF initiated a search warrant Thursday at Willette’s residence on South Curtis Street in Meriden, police said.

According to police, the search produced 13 illegal firearms, many of which were not stamped with serial numbers and were converted to fully automatic weapons. Several drill presses, firearm molds, drilling bits and a large number of firearm parts were also located, police said.

A large amount of high-capacity firearm magazines were located along with several drum magazines capable of holding 40-50 rounds of ammunition, police said. Willette also was in possession of two different types of body armor, police said. Police also seized Willette’s vehicle, which they allege was used to transport and sell firearms.

Willette is a convicted felon, which makes him prohibited from possessing, owning, or selling any type of firearm as well as from possessing body armor, police said.

Police said Willette was taken to police headquarters and charged with five counts of possession of an assault weapon, eight counts of illegally manufacturing firearms, 13 counts of criminal possession of a firearm, six counts of possession of a high capacity magazine, five counts of criminal possession of ammunition, possession of body armor by a convicted felon, illegal possession of a silencer, weapons in a motor vehicle, interfering with police, risk of injury to a minor and second-degree reckless endangerment.

Willette is being held in lieu of \$3 million bail.

‘Hamilton’

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and ultimately dangerous rival, in the grand theater tradition of “Othello,” “Jesus Christ Superstar” and “Amadeus.”

“Hamilton” has often received emotional assists from current news events like immigration debates, wars or bitter elections, but it doesn’t need to rely on them. The show brings an urgency and emotional impact all its own.

It helps that this “Hamilton” tour (dubbed the “Philip” tour to distinguish it from two other “Hamilton” companies on the road right now) is rowdier than the one that played The Bushnell four years ago. The 2018 rendition felt more formal, more elegant, more stylish. This time around, those tight 18th-century collars seem looser.

The raps are more raucous, the dancing friskier, the choruses shoutier. What the production lacks in grace it more than makes up for in earthy energy.

There’s lots of fine vocalizing in many styles, but it’s particularly thrilling to hear such skilled, fierce rapping from Thomas Jefferson (Warren Egypt Franklin), Hercules Mulligan (played on Thursday night by Conroe Brooks, one of several deviations from the cast listed in the program) and John Laurens (Elijah Malcomb).

The sound quality is much sharper than last time, with skillful harmonies. Echoes and effects are crisp and clear. The set design still fills every inch of the large Bushnell stage with dark, weathered wood platforms and staircases. The standards are still high, and “Hamilton” is as majestic and overwhelming as ever.

As Hamilton, Pierre Jean Gonzalez bears a physical resemblance to Lin-Manuel Miranda, who originated the role, but Gonzalez is more sullen and intense, less affable. Interestingly, his frenemy in the show, Jared Dixon as Aaron Burr, is more upbeat than others have played him, plus he’s a good dancer.



The company of the “Philip” tour of “Hamilton,” with Pierre Jean Gonzalez in the foreground at left as Alexander Hamilton. **JOAN MARCUS/COURTESY**

IF YOU GO: “Hamilton” runs through July 10 at The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford. Performances are Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m. \$69-\$266. There is also an online lottery for \$10 tickets. bushnell.org.

Dixon’s speaking voice is higher than Gonzalez’s. For some, this is an interesting new dynamic that keeps the stage interactions lively.

Gonzalez is also well matched by Stephanie Jae Park as his wife Eliza. She is one of several characters whom we see mature and change during the quarter-century of American history covered in the show. Park has one of the calmer, gentler voices in the company and exudes quiet strength and patience.

The supporting cast is full of welcome surprises. Neil Haskell, who was in the original Broadway “Hamilton” cast as a dancer, imbues George III with so many hysterical gestures, tics and sniffles that he totally commands the stage as a monarch should. Haskell rolls his “R”s, rolls his eyes, kicks up his heels and even unleashes a fine singing voice in a role that does not really require one.

Other standouts: Marcus Choi as George Washington is so brusque

and no-nonsense in Act One that you’re completely unprepared for how soulful and heart-wrenching his resignation speech is in Act Two. In the tricky speed-rapping dual role of Marquis de Lafayette and Thomas Jefferson, Egypt Franklin is both funny and stylish, giving Jefferson smooth moves reminiscent of Prince. Ta’Rea Campbell brings old-school Motown/R&B fervor to Angelica Schuyler.

Yes, “Hamilton” still has the ability to “blow us all away.” Thursday night’s audience cheered at all the usual places (“Immigrants! We get the job done!”) but also at especially strong performers like Choi and Park and Haskell. Nothing felt rote or old about the evening. If “Hamilton” continues to tour at this level, it will always conquer.

A few theatergoing tips: Masks are required inside the building at all times unless eating or drinking. The show runs nearly three hours with a single intermission. Many of the evening performances start at 8 p.m. but some are at 7:30 or even 7, so check your tickets because you won’t want to miss that magnificent opening number (or the fun “Enjoy my show!” pre-recorded turn-off-your-phones message from King George).

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pandemic in 2020, rebounded last year and is now in the throes of the highest inflation in more than 40 years. Another recession may be in the works if higher interest rates engineered by the Federal Reserve to cool inflation overshoots the mark and chokes off business activity.

The Connecticut Food Association had that in mind when it urged state legislators in 2019 to extend minimum wage increases over six years with no indexing.

“We urge a measured and thoughtful approach that parallels Connecticut’s economic growth and future,” Wayne Pesce, president of the trade group, said at the time.

An eventual increase to \$15 an hour would make a “huge difference” for workers in industries as varied as fast-food and health care, Beverley Brakeman, a regional official of the United Auto Workers, told lawmakers as they considered legislation.

An estimated 10% of workers earn \$13.80 or less, or an estimated 157,300 workers, according to the state Department of Labor:

The two sides of the debate were on display in May 2019 when the state House of Representatives voted 85-59 to raise the minimum wage following a marathon 14-hour debate that ended with an 85-59 vote.

An estimated 10% of workers earn \$13.80 or less, or an estimated 157,300 workers, according to the state Department of Labor. Workers paid slightly more than just above minimum wage usually see an increase also, with about 200,000 workers in Connecticut benefiting from the increase.

Many businesses have been paying higher than minimum wage to attract workers in one of the worst labor shortages in decades. Earlier this month, the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection boosted lifeguards’ starting pay to \$19 an hour, up from \$16, and ranging to as much as \$21 per hour.

As of Jan. 1, Connecticut’s minimum wage was the sixth highest in the U.S., behind Washington, D.C. (\$15.20), Washington state (\$14.49), Massachusetts (\$14.20), California (\$14) and New York (\$13.20), according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

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at Page Park pool in Bristol, was unveiled last year. The artwork’s background is a painted underwater scene. The sea creatures swimming in the water — octopus, jellyfish, dolphin, starfish — are 3-D found-object sculptures, like the freestanding animals she creates.

Artist at young age: Hongo, 36, grew up in Shelton. She and her twin sister started taking art classes at age 10. Hongo’s sister gravitated toward typography and digital illustration. Hongo preferred painting. She later switched to sculpture. The switch was by necessity, as was her preferred medium, garbage.

“I had a great job at Trader Joe’s as a sign artist. Then the job went downhill and I needed to get out,” she said. “I looked for other jobs. I had a hard time finding anything that wasn’t digital art. I didn’t have those skills.

“I wanted to try to be a freelance artist but I didn’t have a following. I thought painting, but these days people go to Target and buy a print for 10 bucks,” she said. “I figured

IF YOU GO: 2022 ART maniFESTation: RiseUP for Change is Saturday from 6 to 11 p.m. at Hooker Live @ The Colt Factory, 1 Sequassen Street in Hartford. Admission is \$50 pre-sale, \$75 at the door. theriseupgroup.org/am2022.instagram.com/ mad_we_are/. Tickets can be bought at eventbrite.com/e/art-manifestation-riseup-for-change-tickets-278392929747.

the place to be was sculpture, but sculpture supplies are expensive.”

She saw pictures of work by the Spanish sculptor Bordalo II, who creates animals from pieces of garbage. She was inspired. “It was so beautiful. I wanted to do some version of that, a smaller version,” she said.

One of her earliest attempts was a deer she named Yondu, from “Guardians of the Galaxy.” She made Yondu with things lying around her house: a purse, sunglasses, Tupperware, a straightening iron, a grill lighter, a belt, a toothbrush and other random items. She painted him blue and decided to keep him. Yondu hangs in the dining room of her home.

Yondu set the tone for her later

work. Hongo crafts creatures with garbage then paints them. “You can make out everything in the sculpture when it is unpainted. Once you paint it, it becomes a cohesive, solid sculpture. It’s harder to discern what the things are,” she said. “But close up, you can still make it out. I like that element of it.”

Hongo never dumpster-dives for working materials. Word has gotten around the Bristol-Southington area, and sometimes she does a shout-out on social media when she needs a particular item. People give her stuff for free. “People are glad that they’re not just throwing it away, that some use is going to come out of it,” she said. She also gets a lot of use out of discarded stuff from her boyfriend’s job as an HVAC technician.

Hongo is in an enviable position for an artist. Making art is her full-time employment. She doesn’t have a side gig or a “day job.” She knows she is one of the lucky ones.

“I sit in gratitude about it every day,” she said. “I know how crazy rare it is.”

RiseUP recognizing groundbreaking artists: The Hartford-based

RiseUP Group and MAD (Manifest Art Dreams) of Norwalk are presenting 2022 ART maniFESTation: RiseUP for Change. Matt Conway is founder and executive director of RiseUP, whose CT Murals division has created more than 100 murals statewide.

“We are trying to manifest the future of the creative economy by featuring some of the most progressive and groundbreaking artists from Connecticut,” Conway said. “We want to elevate the arts. We hope politicians, economic development directors and city officials come so they can see what a culturally inclusive and creative community can bring to their communities.”

Other artists participating in the ART maniFESTation, all of whom have collaborated on murals through CT Murals, are Emida Roller, Lindsay Vigue, Joy Monroe, Alissa Siegal, Jaii Marc Renee, Chris Gann, Jillian Goeller, Michael Rice, Micaela Levesque, Corey Pane, Dekka Henry, Lauren Clayton, Tiya Thomas, Ben Keller, Arcy (Ryan Christenson), Julie Bergeron, Alex Ranniello, Joshua Morgan, Sophie Groenestein and Andre Rochester.

The most recently unveiled

murals by CT Murals are one by Roller at the YMCA on 9 Technology Park Drive in Putnam and one by Pane at the Department of Children and Families at 250 Hamilton Street in Hartford. A mural by Levesque will be unveiled on July 14 at Primo Press on 106 Riverside Avenue in Bristol.

Conway said he hopes proceeds from the party will finance more murals.

The emcee for the night is Joey Batts. DJ Jonesy will provide music. Brandy Welch will do a projection-mapping performance. Annika Rhea will do a 20-minute live painting performance. Other Voice Theater will do a performance.

“The actors from Other Voice will be infused into the event from beginning to end, in the crowd, doing performances throughout,” Conway said.

Virtual reality stations will be available. Monroe will do body painting. In addition to entertainment and exhibits, admission includes food from Bear’s Smokehouse BBQ and an open bar from Thomas Hooker Brewery.

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Greater Hartford Latino Festival is Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. at Dunkin’ Donuts Park.

Roy said the Latino Festival, and the other eight events in the Summer in the City series, all will get high-profile performers with Hartford Creates funding.

“These artists will draw more audiences and inspire other musicians and artists to be part of the festivals,” she said. She did not

reveal the names of the other high-profile performers who will perform at the other festivals.

Other branches of Hartford Creates initiative are:

■ Public Art, focusing on outdoor visual art.

■ Neighborhood Arts Activation, focusing on outdoor performing arts.

■ All-Season Event Grants, focusing on year-round arts events both indoors and outdoors.

Artists, artist collaboratives, nonprofit organizations and small creative businesses can apply for

grants — which Roy said would range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 — to participate in the initiative.

The application portal for All-Season Event Grants is open at letsgoarts.org/creates. Roy said those grants are for nonprofit organizations or small businesses only.

Public Art and Neighborhood Arts Activation, which are also available to individual artists and artist collaboratives, will open after the Arts Council assembles a community panel to advise on “how to put together a cohesive plan for public art,” Roy said.

Bronin said the development of public art events and projects is a mandatory ingredient in the city’s recovery from the economic downturn of the pandemic.

“We are a city that punches way above our weight when it comes to arts and culture,” Bronin said. “We have so many creators who are making art on a daily basis: art, music, dance. This city is so culturally rich, and we want to make sure that everybody knows it and everybody shares it.”

Best said Hartford Creates is about uplifting the creative econ-

omy.

“Our whole focus is to really elevate the work of artists and create innovative art experiences here,” she said. “Our job is to create possibilities of transformative programs that are going to heal and transform.”

For updates on Hartford Creates, visit letsgoarts.org/creates. For a list of Summer in the City events, visit summerinhartford.com/events.

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CONNECTICUT

East Hartford targets APRA funds for kids

Summer program gets \$72,500 to help those impacted by pandemic

By Deidre Montague
Hartford Courant

East Hartford will use \$72,500 from the town's unallocated fund balance and American Rescue Plan Act, or ARPA, funds for the Summer Youth Program Expansion Project, a move unanimously approved by the town council.

The Summer Youth Program Expansion Project is a cross-departmental collaboration of the Parks and Recreation Department, the Public Library, and Youth Services Department. Allocating the funding was approved in an 8-0 council vote; Councilman Travis Simpson was not in chambers for the vote.

The funds will support the seasonal staff hired by youth services and the library and also supports hiring outside presenters, such as the Connecticut Science Center, which will offer four programs a week for the Parks and Recreation Department campers, performances, and other fun workshops.

The Summer Youth Program

Expansion Project aims to help children in East Hartford, who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, to address social, emotional, and academic needs.

According to the Summer Enrichment Proposal Narrative, the majority of East Hartford residents are of color, with 33.4% identifying as white and not Hispanic or Latin, based on the latest census data. In East Hartford, 38.7% of households speak a language other than English at home, and 15% live below the poverty line.

The narrative also said that families in town mirror racial health disparities nationally, when it comes to the impact of COVID-19. State data shows that 198 East Hartford residents have died from COVID-19, with 13,065 documented cases.

On May 12, the case rate per 100,000 remained at 38.5.

At the June 21 council meeting, East Hartford Public Library Director Sarah Kline Morgan said that the reason for the spending request was due to not receiving the grant from the state Department of Education this year, which would have helped them to expand summer program-



Kline Morgan

ming and subsidize enrollment costs for kids who might not otherwise have access to such programming.

Although they received this grant last year, Kline Morgan said she is looking into why they did not receive it this year. She said that the only thing she has heard so far is that the program should offer longer hours, more weeks and a couple of other minor things.

Kline Morgan said that highlights of the summer program include hiring summer social workers who are embedded at each camp location to help the Parks and Recreation staff work with kids to support their mental health and successful participation.

The library has two teams of temporary seasonal staff in their MakerSpace providing campers the opportunity to participate in MakerSpace programming, such as coding 3D printers, printing, robotics, audio and video production, and arts and crafts, she said.

She also said that a team of seasonal staff has been hired to

support summer reading engagement for the Parks and Recreation campers, as each camper is enrolled in the library's summer reading program with the opportunity to earn prizes and get motivated to have fun reading through their participation, along with deepening their engagement with the library, once a week — as a camp field trip activity.

Councilwoman Sebrina Wilson thanked Kline Morgan for her presentation and collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Department, noting that she signs her son up for the enrichment program every year.

Chairman Richard Kehoe also commended Kline Morgan on the summer enrichment program.

"This is needed a lot. It's not just relative to COVID. I think during the summertime, we need to really bump up the quality of our programs. It may sound, based on the small amount of feedback you got from the Department of Education, that they're looking for even more robust programming perhaps, which again, is not a bad thing," he said.

Kehoe also said that in the long term it is probably not a bad thing to set a standard for youth programming.

"(Let's) set a standard where these are programs that the kids find entertaining, but also learn the skills that they need to do better in school, and then ultimately do better in life. ... So, if we have to bump up the quality of the program next year, that might not necessarily be a bad thing," he said.

Councilwoman Angela Parkinson also said she is grateful to Kline Morgan for all the work she has done for the summer enrichment program.

"I just have to thank you for all that you do. Also, (for) the tenacity and creativity, which you look for funding...we have to do that a lot here, because there's just never enough money. Thank you for this. It's helping the kids and we appreciate it," she said.

Camp began Monday and will conclude Aug. 5. The program will run Monday through Friday, every week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the exception of July 4, as the program will close for the Independence Day holiday.

For more information, contact Cephus Nolen, Director of Youth Services at 860-291-7181.

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Barista Cafe fills niche for coffee lovers in Suffield

With beans from India and recipes from South America, goal is to 'give Americans a new taste'

By Steve Smith
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SUFFIELD — Shalu and Ajay Malhotra bring a world of knowledge into the cafe they opened in the heart of Suffield this past March.

The couple is from India, but lived in Germany and Switzerland before moving to Suffield six years ago with their three children. They purchased the building in the town's center that houses Webster Bank and other businesses, and filled the end unit themselves with a unique cafe, despite having no food service experience. They simply thought a well-planned and well-designed coffee shop would do well in Suffield, where there aren't many similar businesses.

"We had been thinking about it for a while," Ajay Malhotra said. "We bought this building in 2019, and had been keeping this spot for a cafe."

The pandemic halted plans for the shop, but as restrictions lifted, the plan was back on again.

Barista Cafe imports its coffee

beans from India, via Barrington Coffee Company in Lee, Massachusetts.

"We can tell our customers the entire history of their coffee beans," Malhotra said. "We know exactly the farm in India where our beans were grown."

Barista Cafe also serves a variety of teas, sandwiches, croissants, salads, and desserts — including a selection of gelato. They get their culinary advice from friends and relatives, here and across the world. They also listen to their customers, for what items they'd like to see on the menu.

They also sell fresh German breads from G Cafe Bakery in New Haven, which Ajay Malhotra describes as different than American or other breads.

"German bread is not a soft bread. It has a hard crust and infusion of olives or figs ... they're a rye bread, primarily," he said.

"We wanted to give Americans a new taste," Shalu Malhotra said. "Our sandwich recipes are from



Barista Telelia Gillam and owners Shalu and Ajay Malhorta at Barista Cafe. STEVE SMITH/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

South America, mixed with India. It's also very European."

The decor is welcoming and relaxing, resembling a living room more than a restaurant. The walls are covered with work by local artists, most of which is for sale.

So far, business has been good, as well as the feedback.

"We've been very busy," Ajay Malhotra said, adding that they are still learning what times the cafe will be busy and staffing accordingly, including the morning rush and after schools let out in the after-

noon.

"Mornings are very busy for us, then lunch time gets very busy, too," he said. "We get very good feedback. We already have a very loyal customer base. In the seven to eight weeks we've been open, we already have 900 rewards members. We have people who sit here and work in the morning. We have students who come here as soon as school finishes — they get gelato and milkshakes."

They may have found their niche, as customers come from not just

Suffield, but surrounding towns as well, looking for the comfortable cafe experience.

"You shouldn't have to drive an hour, back and forth, just to get a coffee," Ajay said. "We get a lot of people from Agawam and Enfield. We get online orders from Longmeadow, Granby, Windsor Locks."

Future plans include adding beer and wine to the menu, and making the outdoor seating area resemble a beer garden.

For more information, visit facebook.com/BaristaCafeSuffield.

Court: Woman can sue Harvard over photos of enslaved man

By Philip Marcelo
Associated Press

BOSTON — A Connecticut woman who says she's descended from slaves who are portrayed in widely published, historical photos owned by Harvard University can sue the school for emotional distress, Massachusetts' highest court ruled Thursday.

The state's Supreme Judicial Court partly vacated a lower court ruling that dismissed a complaint from Tamara Lanier over photos she says depict her enslaved ancestors.

The images are considered some of the earliest that show enslaved people in the U.S.

The court concluded the Norwich resident and her family can plausibly make a case for

suffering "negligent and indeed reckless infliction of emotional distress" from Harvard and remanded that part of their claim to the state Superior Court.

The judges said the university failed to contact Lanier when it used one of the images on a book cover and prominently featured it in materials for a campus conference — even after she'd reached out about her ancestral ties.

"In sum, despite its duty of care to her, Harvard cavalierly dismissed her ancestral claims and disregarded her requests, despite its own representations that it would keep her informed of further developments," the ruling states.

But the high court upheld the lower court's ruling that the photos are the property of the

photographer who took them and not the subject themselves.

"A descendant of someone whose likeness is reproduced in a daguerreotype would not therefore inherit any property right to that daguerreotype," the high court wrote in its ruling.

Lanier's attorney said Thursday's ruling was a "historic win" that marks one of the first times a court has ruled that descendants of enslaved people can seek accountability for what their ancestors endured.

"Harvard is not the rightful owner of these photos and should not profit from them," Josh Koskoff said in a statement. "As Tamara Lanier and her family have said for years, it is time for Harvard to let Renty and Delia come home."

Harvard spokesperson Rachael Dane said the university is reviewing the decision. She also stressed the original daguerreotypes are in archival storage and not on display, nor have they been lent out to other museums for more than 15 years, because of their fragility.

"Harvard has and will continue to grapple with its historic connection to slavery and views this inquiry as part of its core academic mission," she said in a statement. "Harvard also strives to be an ethical steward of the millions of historical objects from around the globe within its museum and library collections."

In April, Harvard released a report and pledged to spend \$100 million to study and atone for its extensive ties to slavery, including plans to identify and support the

descendants of enslaved people who labored at the Ivy League campus.

Lanier's suit, which was filed in 2019, deals with a series of 1850 daguerreotypes depicting a South Carolina man identified as Renty Taylor and his daughter, Delia Taylor.

Both were posed shirtless and photographed from several angles in images commissioned by Harvard biologist Louis Agassiz, whose theories on racial difference were used to support slavery in the U.S.

In her lawsuit, Lanier argued that the Taylors were her ancestors and that the photos were taken against their will. She demanded the photos from Harvard, saying the school had exploited the portraits for profit.

Labor

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in contract negotiations with H.N.S., the company that manages CT Transit buses in the Hartford, New Haven and Stamford regions for the state DOT.

Exactly what Roche did, other than urging that talks continue, was unclear. Roche said he did nothing other than convey a desire that a deal be struck, given the assessment that both sides were close.

When asked about how a campaign aide came to even be peripherally involved in contract talks, Lamont then made the story more interesting by revealing the interest of the Biden administration, or at least its labor secretary.

Lamont said he did not directly intervene in the talks involving H.N.S., the DOT and the union,

other than signaling his interest in a deal after fielding a call a week ago about the contract from Walsh, the former mayor of Boston.

"I got a call from Washington saying, 'This is something very important, and I think we were very close in terms of where we're going to be on that,'" Lamont said, recalling the call from Walsh. "And I didn't weigh in, but I said, 'I'll introduce you to the person over at DOT that's responsible for this. And let's see if we can make a deal.' I like to make a deal. We got a deal done. And Marty Walsh was very happy with the result."

A DOL spokesperson offered no comment other than confirming Walsh made the call to Lamont after a conversation with the ATU.

Lamont and Chavers assumed he had been nudged by ATU officials in Washington.

"Obviously they had gotten, I

think, some calls from affected members," Lamont said. "And he felt we were so close. 'Why was there a roadblock now?' And I said, 'I have no idea. But I'm going to find out.'"

Chavers said in an interview that a 16-hour negotiating session last week produced a three-year deal for raises of 3%, 3.2% and 3.5% for ATU workers. Separately, she said, the DOT has agreed to \$3,500 in hazard pay rewarding bus drivers who stayed on the job during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"So, the bus drivers are very happy," Chavers said.

A formal vote on endorsements, which requires support from two-thirds of delegates, will come Friday.

There is little doubt of Lamont's endorsement.

"The governor was brave enough to come, step up to a microphone

and answer tough questions," said Ed Hawthorne, the president of the labor federation. "His opponent chose not to."

Republican Bob Stefanowski, who did not seek the labor endorsement, said he is not completing any endorsement questionnaires.

Lamont, for his part, answered "no" on several questions asking for a commitment to legislation on various topics, including establishing a public option for health care and a "low-wage employer fee" on companies whose employees qualify for public assistance.

"While I will not commit to individual pieces of legislation absent specific language, I am proud of my record supporting Connecticut's labor unions, including the recent passage of An Act Protecting Employee Freedom of Speech and Conscience," Lamont replied in his questionnaire.

The bill he references is the formal name of the captive audience bill, which Hawthorne had praised to delegates before Lamont's arrival.

"Make no mistake, this bill is a game-changer for our movement," Hawthorne said.

The toughest questions to Lamont came from members of unions that complained of understaffing in state agencies, primarily in health care, and those awaiting promised pandemic hazard pay, a reward for frontline workers who braved exposure to COVID-19.

Lamont said the administration was trying to fill those jobs and promised that the hazard pay was coming.

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CELEBRITIES



Eminem, from left, Kendrick Lamar, Dr. Dre, Mary J. Blige, Curtis “50 Cent” Jackson and Snoop Dogg perform during the Super Bowl halftime show on Feb. 13. VALERIE MACON/GETTY-AFP

Eminem, Snoop Dogg team on song

From news services

Eminem and Snoop Dogg have teamed up for a new Detroit to Long Beach, California, track, “From The D 2 The LBC,” the first collaborative effort from the two veteran rhyimers. “This probably should have happened awhile ago,” Em says at the top of the song, before trading verses with Snoop over the Eminem-produced instrumental, built on a spare drum beat, strings and an operatic vocal sample. Em and Snoop have recorded together before, on a cut from Eminem’s 2000 album “The Marshall Mathers LP” which also featured Dr. Dre, Xzibit and Nate Dogg. “From The D 2 The LBC,” which hit streaming services Friday, is the first time the pair has co-headlined a song together. The video for the song, which was viewed more than 1.1 million times in its first eight hours, makes a reference to “Curtain Call 2.” Em also included “#curtaincall2” on Instagram when posting the video. The set would be a follow-up to Eminem’s 2005 greatest hits compilation, “Curtain Call — The Hits,” which featured

songs from Eminem’s first four major label albums. “From The D 2 The LBC” follows a 2020 spat between Eminem and Snoop Dogg that emerged when Snoop didn’t include Eminem on his list of top MCs during an interview. The two eventually settled their beef after Snoop reportedly apologized to Em. “From the D” is Eminem’s second new song this month. He has also released “The King and I” from the soundtrack to the film “Elvis.” **Khan guest artist for Boston Pops show:** The Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular on the July Fourth holiday this year will feature guest artist and 10-time Grammy winner Chaka Khan as well as a performance of the Ukrainian national anthem, the Boston Symphony Orchestra has announced. The show will also feature “The Voice” winner Javier Colon, Tony and Grammy winner Heather Headley, the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, the Middlesex County Volunteers Fifes & Drums, and the Honor Guard of the Massachusetts 54th

Volunteer Regiment. The Ukrainian national anthem performance “will be dedicated to the people of Ukraine and the courage and perseverance they have consistently shown in their struggle for their country’s continuing independence,” Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart said in a statement. **Jenner, Booker break up:** Kendall Jenner and Devin Booker have split up two years after they were first linked, Entertainment Tonight recently reported. News of the breakup comes just weeks after the Phoenix Suns guard, 25, accompanied the 26-year-old model to big sis Kourtney Kardashian’s Italian nuptials to Travis Barker, according to the outlet. “Kendall feels like they’re on different paths,” a source told the outlet. **June 25 birthdays:** Actor June Lockhart is 97. Singer Eddie Floyd is 85. Actor Barbara Montgomery is 83. Actor Jimmie Walker is 75. Singer Tim Finn is 70. Musician David Paich is 68. Actor Ricky Gervais is 61. Actor Erica Gimpel is 58. Actor Angela Kinsey is 51. Actor Linda Cardellini is 47. Actor Busy Philipps is 43.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson askamy@amydickinson.com Twitter@askingamy

Young dater wants to dodge ‘love bombing’

Dear Amy: I am 21 and just getting into the dating game. My father is a narcissist and used love bombing to get my mom. I’ve watched her go through multiple men who used the same tactic. I understand how abusive these men turned out to be. I’m also a psychology student, so I tend to read a lot into things. My question is: How do I take a compliment without my brain throwing up red flags? I’m having the hardest time still talking to people if they call me beautiful, or if they give me any other compliment. — *Confused Dater*

Dear Dater: “Love bombing” describes a kind of attention that is lavished on a potential partner in order to ensnare the person in a relationship. This refers to showering (“bombing”) the person with affection, attention, gifts, compliments and premature declarations of friendship or love. This technique is often used by potential abusers to destabilize and control their partners. Knowing about “love bombing” can help to protect you in future relationships. It is important that you always remain true to your most authentic self — but it can be hard to locate that anchor when you’re feeling overwhelmed. I’m happy to report that a compliment is not necessarily the first grenade in a love-bombing campaign. When I was your age, I countered every compliment with a self-deprecating denial, until a friend responded: “Amy. Just say ‘Thank you.’”

“Thank you” is the only response required. After that, remain in the space with an open attitude to see what happens next. Because you are entering this phase of life as a skeptic, a “love bomb” will feel fake, inauthentic, premature and manipulative. You will know it when it is lobbed in your direction. **Dear Amy:** I used to be on Facebook. I never posted much. I’m a private person and always felt anxious if I did post anything. But my husband loves it. A little over a year ago, we lost our son. I wrote a poem about this and texted it to my husband so he could see it. My sister-in-law told me, “That was a beautiful poem you wrote about your son.” She had seen it on Facebook. I was livid. My husband did not even ask me. He just took it upon himself and posted it on Facebook. I shared it with him, and he shared it with the world. He deleted it. My husband’s cousin also tragically lost her son a couple of years ago, and my sister-in-law took it upon herself to post this on Facebook to let the family know before her cousin even had a chance to call them herself. My husband and I walk a lot. My husband’s sister recently contacted me about a post my husband put on Facebook. She said, “I see you and my brother went for a walk today.” I asked her how she knew. “He posted it on Facebook,” she said. I understand that Facebook is a good way to stay connected to family and friends and (in my

husband’s case) total strangers. Am I wrong for feeling angry about these violations of my privacy? It’s like it’s taken over the world. — *Private Wife* **Dear Private:** No, you are not wrong. Your husband either doesn’t understand, or doesn’t care to understand, what it feels like to you when he violates your privacy. I am so sorry he has made these choices, which range from annoying you to wounding you deeply. Call him on it every single time until he gets the message. Furthermore, you seem to have a sister-in-law who enjoys leaping over boundaries. Be judicious about anything you choose to share with her. I agree that Facebook is intrusive and often destructive to relationships. I’ve said before — I’ll say it again — that jumping off that particular platform was one of the smartest things I’ve done in recent years.

Dear Amy: Regarding the question you received about what to do with blank notecards and occasion cards received from charities — my local Meals on Wheels likes to give their recipients cards for special occasions. They will happily accept nice cards for those purposes. — *LH*

Dear LH: This is a great idea. Copyright 2022 by Amy Dickinson

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Ambition can carry you far today, making it easy for you to play the long game while still forging ahead. If you feel like you’re not getting the recognition you deserve for your efforts, then you might have to let a supervisor or your boss know that you want more.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Barriers might as well be made of tissue paper for you now, Taurus. Look for ways to grow and evolve into a better version of yourself — particularly if you’ve felt limited lately. It doesn’t matter what’s standing in your way. With the universe on your side, you should leap over it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Tons of interesting information is currently available to you. You may be floating along in dreamland, but you can use that to your advantage. Above all else, trust your instincts. Things might not be entirely what they appear at first glance. Don’t ignore your subconscious.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Someone could play games with you, but it’s up to you whether to engage. You’re probably happy to connect with people, but this may get less idyllic when a specific person has some strong opinions about you. If you agree with them, great, but if not, then stand your ground.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On June 25, 1876, Lt. Col. Colonel George A. Custer and his 7th Cavalry were wiped out by the Sioux and Cheyenne in the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

In 1938, the Fair Labor

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): There’s no room to do things by halves today, Leo, helping you focus on your goals. Focus on establishing what you need to do today in order to reach your future goals. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step — and this is the perfect time to make that initial movement.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your heart could be telling you what to do today. A special tune guides you, reminding you of how much is available to you if only you take advantage of it. This will be easier once you connect the dots between your desires and your reality. Enjoy yourself as much as possible.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Dramatic feelings might hit you like a tidal wave at some point today. A family member or roommate could push some buttons when you’d rather just take things easy. If you feel like your space is being encroached on, then don’t hesitate to clarify your boundaries.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Vital information might be about to arrive in your inbox. If you and someone special have been dancing around an issue, then it could finally get hashed out — don’t try to get around it just for the sake of avoidance. In order to deal with this, you probably need to meet it head on.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Professional matters could come to a head at any moment, which may drive you to demand that you get paid your fair share. If you aren’t getting what you deserve, then you might have to suppress some anger. Whenever your emotions do boil over, make an effort to remain diplomatic.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can be all about you today, Capricorn. Don’t waste this moment — show everyone just how much you have to offer. If you feel like you’ve been dimming your shine, then it’s time to stop that once and for all. You belong front and center where people can appreciate you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Powerful emotions could get the better of you. You could unlock something you might have been trying to keep hidden away. The more you try to restrain these emotions, the more they will demand you release them, so let them out before they break down the door.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Conversations carry weight today. You’re likely in the mood to chat, and people should be more than willing. You could get an up-close conversation with your personal peanut gallery. Opinions might get shared like facts, so be sure to separate the truth from fantasy.

Standards Act of 1938 was enacted.

In 1947, “The Diary of a Young Girl,” the personal journal of Anne Frank, was first published.

In 1950, war broke out in Korea as forces from the communist North invaded the South.

In 1993, Kim Campbell was sworn in as Canada’s 19th

prime minister, the first woman to hold the post.

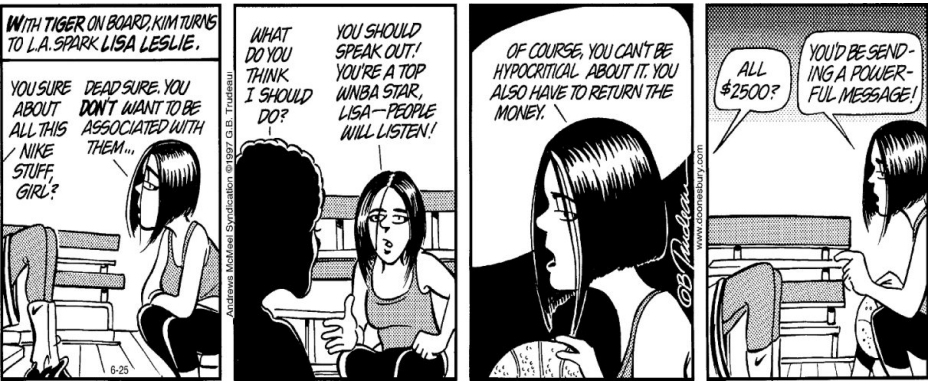
In 2009, death claimed Michael Jackson at age 50 and actor Farrah Fawcett at age 62.

In 2016, Pope Francis visited Armenia, where he recognized the Ottoman-era slaughter of Armenians as a genocide, prompting a harsh rebuttal from Turkey.

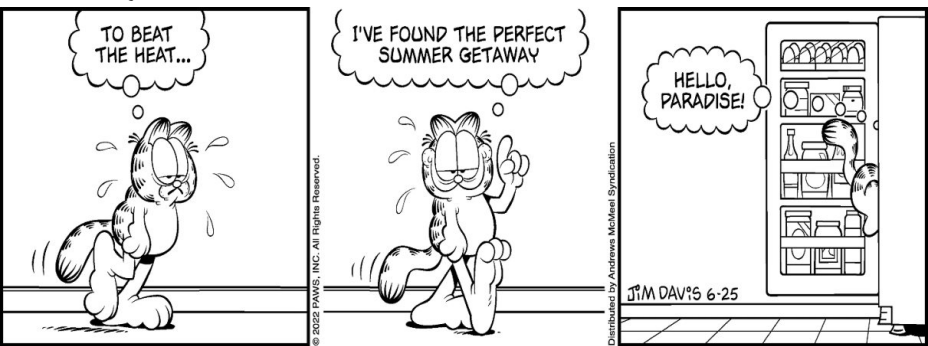
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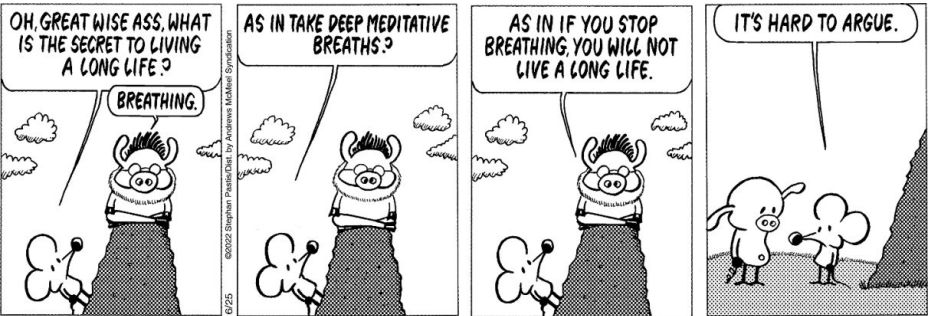
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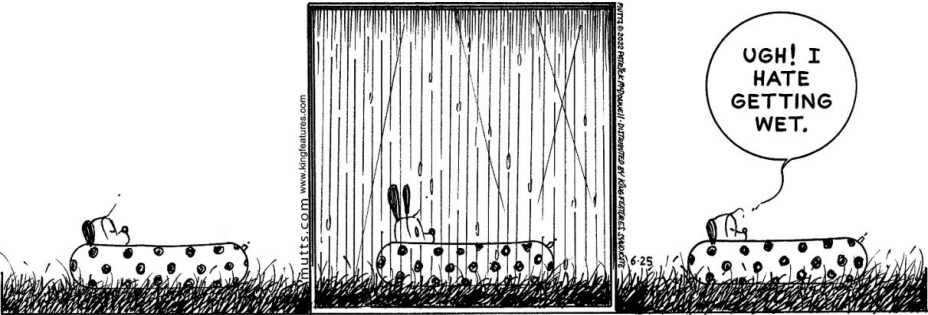
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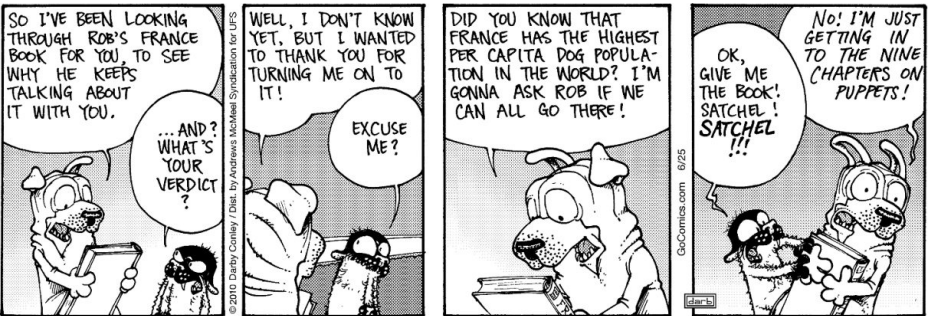
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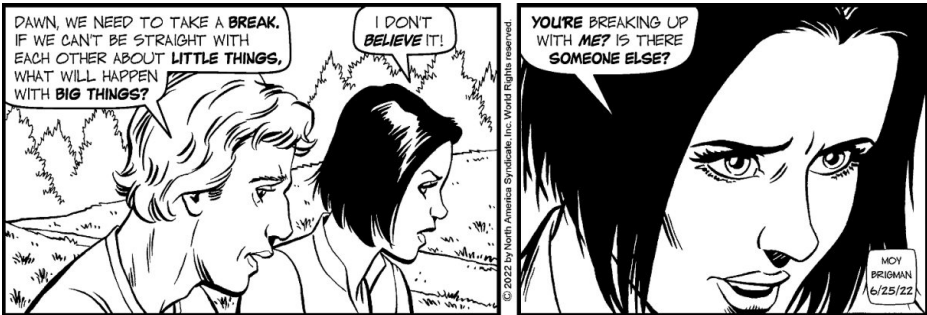
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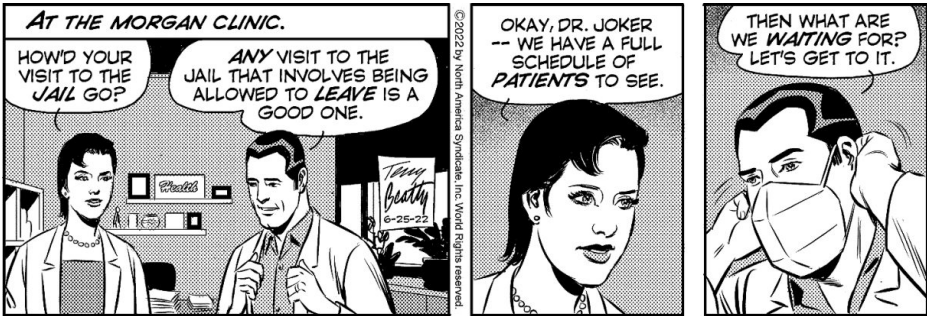
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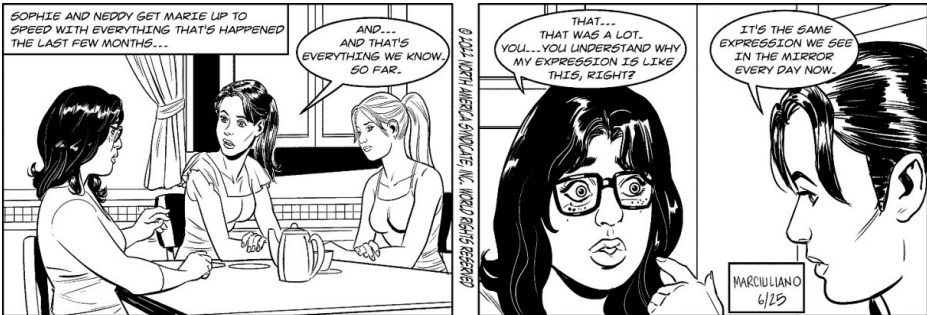
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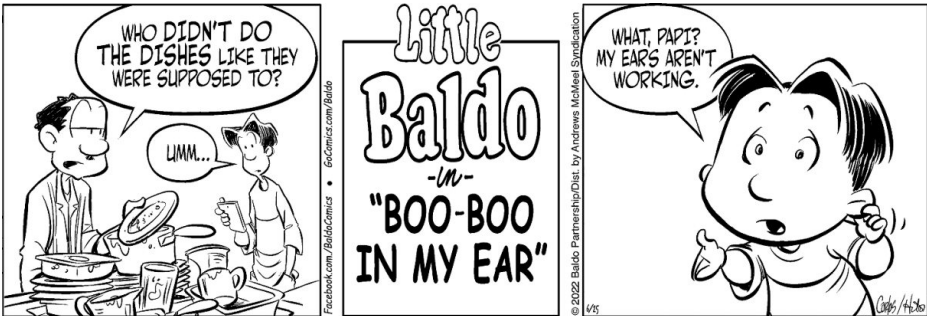
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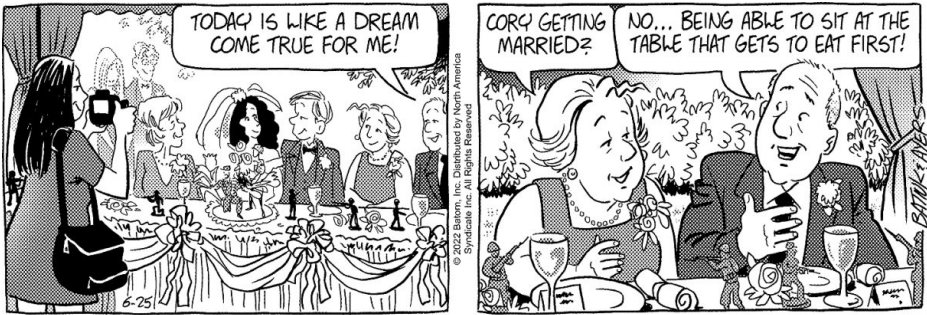
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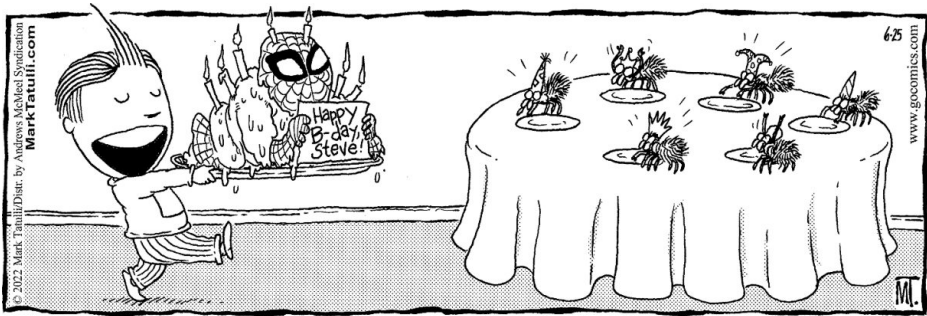
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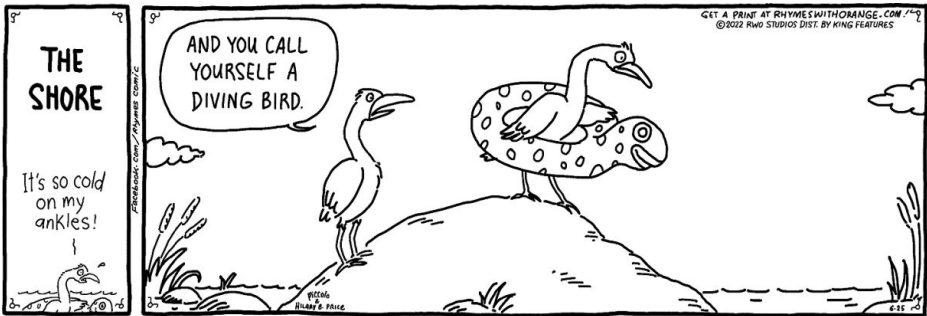
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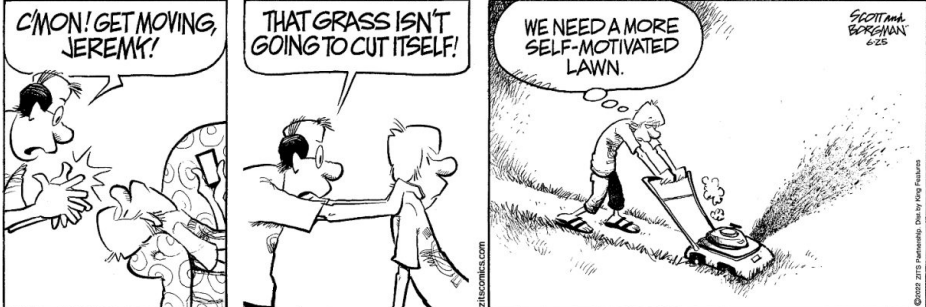
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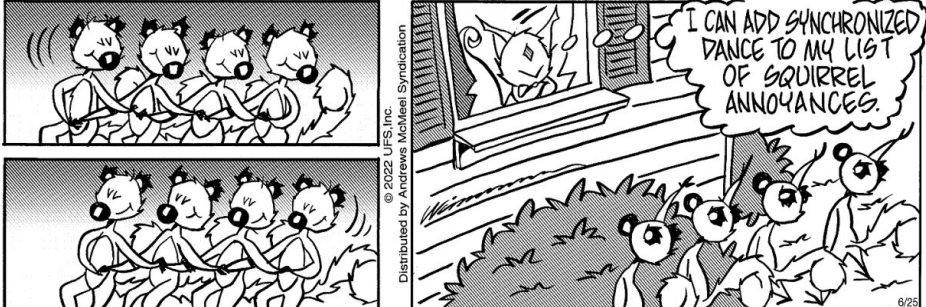
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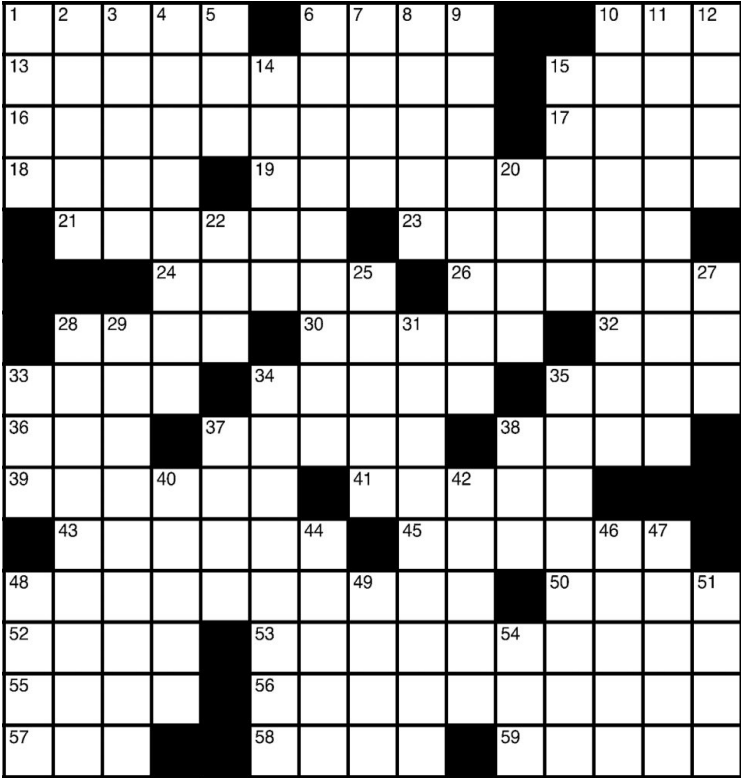
CROSSWORD

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- 1 USWNT star ___ Heath
 - 6 Shock
 - 10 CPR crew
 - 13 Backbend that counteracts the effects of prolonged sitting
 - 15 Alison of "GLOW"
 - 16 Finishing school concern?
 - 17 "The Best of Everything" author Jaffe
 - 18 ___ stick
 - 19 [Blank stare]
 - 21 Comfort
 - 23 Greta with three Oscar nominations
 - 24 Digital greeting
 - 26 Tank top
 - 28 Laser cut, perhaps
 - 30 Leaves out to dry
 - 32 "I ___ Girl From Africa": Elizabeth Nyamayaro memoir
 - 33 Doctor
 - 34 "iAndale!"
 - 35 Made faces, perhaps
 - 36 NYC airport code
 - 37 Has an in-tents experience?
 - 38 Some Twitter trolls
 - 39 World ___ Health Day
 - 41 Former MLB commissioner honored with a statue in Milwaukee
 - 43 Gag reflexes?
 - 45 Hare kin
 - 48 Barely triumphed
 - 50 Tres y cinco
 - 52 Thomas known as the "Soul Queen of New Orleans"
 - 53 Comfy attire
 - 55 Mid day?
 - 56 Staff addition
 - 57 Oft-redacted no.
 - 58 Consignment caveat
 - 59 "Ginger Pye" Newbery Medal winner Eleanor
 - 7 Dog who bit Miss Gulch
 - 8 Working with
 - 9 Dollar stores?
 - 10 Off-color prints?
 - 11 Quick contests between turns in Mario Party
 - 12 Ticket info
 - 14 CNN journalist Hill
 - 15 Cooks up
 - 20 French fat
 - 22 Rhineland rats?
 - 25 Deadens, in acoustics
 - 27 Bear hand
 - 28 Forum posters who stir things up
 - 29 Beijing monument whose name translates to "gate of heavenly peace"
 - 31 Accessories for many Hindu brides
 - 33 One with longtime standing on Capitol Hill
 - 34 Installment of "Assassin's Creed" featuring Vikings
 - 35 Dishes that may be adorned with bones
 - 37 Hard to pin down
 - 38 Catcher behind a plate?
 - 40 Big brass
 - 42 Soda size
 - 44 Zappos buy
 - 46 Seal the deal
 - 47 Macbeth title
 - 48 Switch predecessors
 - 49 European import
 - 51 Some deposits
 - 54 Afore

Down

- 1 Kitchen abbr.
- 2 Snacks filled with "stuf"
- 3 Game in which players form lines
- 4 Particular way with words
- 5 Private aid gp.
- 6 Alter ego of Marvel's Peter Porker



By Nova Qi & Matthew Stock Tribune Content Agency 6/25/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ J 5
- ♥ A K 10
- ♦ A 9 8 7 4
- ♣ 10 4 2

WEST

- ♠ A K Q 10 2
- ♥ J 7 6 3
- ♦ 5 2
- ♣ 8 5

EAST

- ♠ 7 4
- ♥ Q 9 8 4 2
- ♦ K 10 6 3
- ♣ 9 7

SOUTH

- ♠ 9 8 6 3
- ♥ 5
- ♦ Q J
- ♣ A K Q J 6 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	5 ♣		

Opening lead — king of spades.

A double squeeze

Declarer can often take advantage of the opponents' bidding to achieve the maximum result during the play. Take this case where West led the king of spades and continued with the A-Q after East played the 7-4. When dummy ruffed high, East discarded a heart, and South then had to score the rest of the tricks to make the contract.

Declarer still had a spade loser, which he knew he could not ruff safely in dummy, and he also had a potential diamond loser. He could discard one or the other on one of dummy's top hearts, but not both.

South saw that he could stake the outcome on a diamond finesse, but he knew there was almost no chance that the finesse would succeed. It was highly unlikely that West, who had already shown up with the A-K-Q-10-2 of spades, would have passed as dealer if he also had the king of diamonds.

So, rather than rely on the diamond finesse, South crossed to the ace of trump,

led the queen of diamonds and put up the ace after West followed low. He then cashed four more clubs, producing this position:

North

- ♥ A K 10
- ♦ 9

West

- ♠ 10
- ♥ J 7 6

East

- ♥ Q 9 8
- ♦ K

South

- ♠ 9
- ♥ 5
- ♦ J
- ♣ 6

South now led his last trump. West had to keep his high spade, so he discarded a heart as dummy discarded a diamond. East had to keep his king of diamonds, so he also discarded a heart, and dummy then scored the last three tricks with the A-K-10 of hearts.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DIHWT

ENKLE

DRYLAH

NCATEC

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Answers: DIHWT: DIHWT; ENKLE: ENKLE; DRYLAH: DRYLAH; NCATEC: NCATEC.



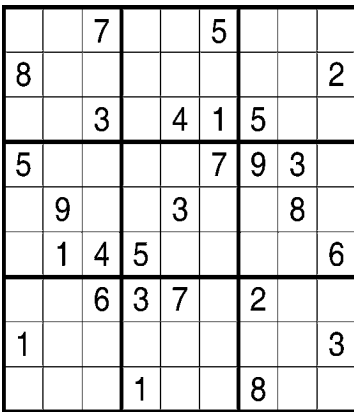
AFTER CASTING SO MANY SINISTER SPELLS IN A ROW, THE EVIL WITCH HAD A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

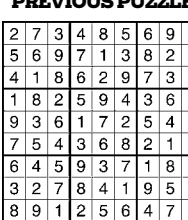
Yesterday's Jumbles: AWAKE BIRCH CATNIP SWANKY Answer: After seeing the damage to the car, there would be a lot to — "WRECK-IN" WITH

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



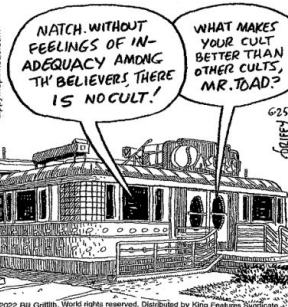
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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BILL GRIFFIN



Motoring
Inside

UCONN MEN'S
BASKETBALL

Staff had
feeling
where
Martin
was going

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

UConn guard Tyrese Martin was selected 51st overall by the Golden State Warriors in the second round of the NBA Draft on Thursday night, but was quickly traded to Atlanta.

The Hawks sent the No. 44 pick for the No. 51 pick and \$2 million according to ESPN NBA insider Adrian Wojnarowski.

Following the draft, a pair of Martin's former Husky teammates had a busy Friday. Forward Isaiah Whaley agreed to an Exhibit-10 contract with the Charlotte Hornets, while guard R.J. Cole will play on the Los Angeles Lakers' summer league team.

Meanwhile, the UConn coaching staff had a feeling Martin was going to wind up in Atlanta.

"He had a great workout with the Hawks two weeks ago or so," said Luke Murray, UConn assistant coach. "We knew they were big fans of his along with a handful of other teams. We went into the draft night with the Hawks at No. 44 in mind and when they made the trade with Golden State we thought there would be a great opportunity to go when he did."

This marks the second-consecutive year a UConn player was picked in the draft after James Bouknight was chosen 11th overall by the Charlotte Hornets last year.

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UCONN WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL

Warriors
mentality

Bueckers and Fudd
motivated after
watching title won
by Golden State

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

As Paige Bueckers and Azzi Fudd watched the Golden State Warriors win the 2022 NBA championship over the Celtics at TD Garden in Boston last week, the UConn women's basketball stars couldn't help but envision themselves in a similar position and imagine what it feels to lift that coveted trophy at the end of a long season.

"It's inspiring, honestly," Bueckers said. "Just seeing how happy those guys were and seeing how much relief that they had when they won, you can tell how much hard work they put into it. And that's just a position that I want to be in and I know this team wants to be in, just having that overwhelming feeling of being a champion."

Fudd was certainly happy to see the Warriors win. She is a huge fan of the team and signed a first-of-its-kind NIL deal with Golden State star Stephen Curry and his brand, SC30 Inc,

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TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP SECOND ROUND

In the driver's seat



Xander Schauffele walks on the eighth hole during the second round of the Travelers Championship golf tournament Friday at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell. SETH WENIG/AP

McIlroy finds a snowman
in June as his back-nine
nightmare shows it can
happen to best of 'em



Dom Amore

CROMWELL — Weekend hackers, double-digit handicappers, take heart. When you have your next quadruple bogey, just remember: It happens to the best of them.

The very best.

This is a story about one hole that humbled golfing royalty Friday, Rory McIlroy MBE (Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) in the second round of the Travelers Championship at the TPC River Highlands.

For 29 holes, McIlroy, the No. 2 golfer in the world, played like the No. 1, master of all he surveyed, blue skies and adoring fans as far as his eyes could see. Playing loose and relaxed, some of the best golf of his distinguished career, he was threatening to match, or even better his first-round 62.

Through 29 holes, McIlroy had 14 birdies, and one bogey, 13-under par with a one-shot lead over Xander Schauffele. His putter was on fire. Why should No. 12 have been a problem? A 390-yard, par-4, McIlroy had parred it the day before.

But this is golf, the reason we watch, the reason folks play it, love it and hate it. On any given day, as picture perfect an afternoon as was Friday, the game can drive royalty to its knees, or at least knee-deep in the water. With one tee shot hooked into the trees, McIlroy waded into every golfer's nightmare.

"Yeah, it's golf sometimes I think," McIlroy said. "I mean, it sort of came out of the blue."

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Rory McIlroy yells on the fourth hole after his ball goes wide during the second round of the Travelers Championship on Friday in Cromwell. SETH WENIG/AP

Leaderboard

Out front	
Xander Schauffele	63-63—126 (-14)
Right behind	
Patrick Cantlay	64-67—131 (-9)
Harris English	66-65—131 (-9)
Nick Hardy	67-64—131 (-9)
Cam Davis	65-66—131 (-9)
Kevin Kisner	67-64—131 (-9)

Inside

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Tee times. **Page 4** Friday's scores. **Page 5**

Another 63 puts Schauffele
in control heading into
weekend, but plenty of
traffic still lurks behind him

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

CROMWELL — Xander Schauffele landed a fairway shot just under 10 feet from hole 17 at TPC River Highlands Friday. He tapped in the putt on his next stroke, recording his seventh and final birdie. His second round at the Travelers Championship was nearly complete.

His 7-under par 63 was identical to his score Thursday, combining to tie Justin Rose's 2010 tournament record of 126 through 36 holes. At 14-under-par, his lead is five strokes heading into the weekend, tying the tournament record for largest 36-hole lead. Schauffele shares that mark with Tommy Bolt and Gene Littler, who did it 1954 and 1959, respectively. Both went on to win the tournament.

That lead, however, wasn't granted until world No. 2 Rory McIlroy hit a speed bump. He started Friday with six birdies and a bogey through his first 11 holes. At 13-under he was pulling away from the pack. Fast.

Then he shanked his 12th tee shot to the right tree line out of bounds.

He took the penalty stroke and returned to the tee — this time sending the ball 234 yards into the primary rough. Eventually landing on the green after stops in a bunker and again in the rough, McIlroy clinched his sixth career quadruple bogey eight which dropped him momentarily to 9-under.

Three holes later, on 15, McIlroy quickly found himself encompassed by the crowd after another drive shanked right forced him to play off the hill. He landed another in the water two

Turn to Travelers, Page 4

YANKEES

Kiner-Falefa, Trevino proving to be key pieces to juggernaut

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Before the euphoric walk-off wins, 52-18 start and way-to-early parade plans, the Yankees were raked over the coals for not doing enough with their offseason.

When the 2021 season ended with heartbreak in the Wild Card

Game at Fenway Park, a few things were abundantly clear. Gleyber Torres couldn't be the everyday shortstop anymore and Gary Sanchez had run his course, failing to make any significant strides on defense while wielding an inconsistent bat.

But instead of wrangling household names to replace them, the Yankees inserted two players who

could generously be described as no names, particularly in the Northeast. A vast majority of Yankee fans knew very little about Isiah Kiner-Falefa and Jose Trevino, players who debuted with the Rangers in 2018 and had spent their entire careers in anonymity as Texas started to rebuild.

Now, nearing the season's halfway point, Trevino and Kiner-

Falefa have proven to be integral pieces of this whirring Yankee machine. While neither is a superstar — or even someone who will hit in the top six of the batting order — that is kind of the point. The Yankees specifically decided to target the ex-Rangers because of their defense, a decidedly unsexy

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Red Sox: at Guardians, Saturday, 6 p.m.; at Guardians, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; at Blue Jays, Monday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Astros, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Astros, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Athletics, Monday, 7 p.m.
Mets: at Marlins, Saturday, 4 p.m.; at Marlins, Sunday, noon; Astros, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Somerset, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Somerset, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Binghamton, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Sun: at Dream, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Sky, Wednesday, noon; Mystics, July 3, 1 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: Louisville City, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Colorado Springs, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Detroit City, July 6, 7:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING

11 a.m.: NASCAR Racing Whelen Modified Tour: Monadnock. (Taped) USA
12 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Tennessee Lottery 250, Qualifying. (Live) USA
1 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series Ally 400, Qualifying. (Live) USA
3:30 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Tennessee Lottery 250. (Live) USA
8 p.m.: Camping World SRX Series. (Live) CBS
BASEBALL
1 p.m.: Astros at Yankees. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9
4 p.m.: New York Mets at Miami Marlins. (Live), WPIX. Radio: 880
4 p.m.: Blue Jays at Brewers. (Live) SPRTNET
4 p.m.: Nationals at Rangers. (Live) FS1
6 p.m.: Red Sox at Guardians. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) FOX
7 p.m.: Dodgers at Braves. (Live) SPRTNET
7 p.m.: Men's College World Series Finals, Game 1: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
10 p.m.: Mariners at Angels. (Live) FS1

BASKETBALL

1 p.m.: BIG3 Basketball Week 2. (Live) CBS
8 p.m.: WNBA: Mercury at Wings. (Live) NBA
8:30 p.m.: BIG3 Basketball Week 2. (Live) CBSSN
10 p.m.: WNBA: Mystics at Aces. (Live) NBA
FOOTBALL
3 p.m.: USFL Football Philadelphia Stars vs New Jersey Generals. (Live) FOX
8 p.m.: USFL Football New Orleans Breakers vs Birmingham Stallions. (Live) NBC
10 p.m.: Toronto Argonauts at BC Lions. (Live) ESPN2

GOLF

7:30 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf BMW International Open, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
1 p.m.: KPMG Women's PGA Championship Third Round. (Live) NBC
1 p.m.: Travelers Championship, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: Travelers Championship, Third Round. (Live) CBS
3 p.m.: U.S. Senior Open Championship Third Round. (Live) GOLF

HOCKEY

12 p.m.: Memorial Cup Hockey Edmonton Oil Kings vs Hamilton Bulldogs. (Taped) NHL
4 p.m.: Memorial Cup Hockey Saint John Sea Dogs vs Shawinigan Cataractes. (Live) NHL
5 p.m.: 3ICE Event 2. (Live) CBSSN

SOCCER

1 p.m.: USL Championship Soccer Louisville City FC at Hartford Athletic. (Live) ESPN
3 p.m.: MLS Soccer Sporting Kansas City at Seattle Sounders FC. (Live) ABC
5 p.m.: MLS Soccer Nashville SC at D.C. United. (Live) ESPN
5 p.m.: Canadian Premier League Soccer HFX Wanderers FC at Pacific FC. (Live) FSP
7:30 p.m.: Women's Soccer International Friendly: United States vs Colombia. (Live) FS1
TRACK AND FIELD
4 p.m.: U.S. Outdoor Championships. (Live) NBC

YARD GOATS 5, PATRIOTS 2

Goats closer to clinching first half with win at Somerset

Staff report

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Aaron Schunk had three hits and Michael Toglia and Jimmy Herron hit solo home runs to lead the Hartford Yard Goats to within one win of clinching the Eastern League Northeast Division first-half championship and a playoff spot with a 5-2 win over the Somerset Patriots on Friday night.

The first-place Yard Goats lead second-place Somerset by a game and a win in one of the next two games gives Hartford the title.

Hartford (43-24) jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second on an RBI double by Brenton Doyle and a Kyle Datres sacrifice fly. Herron homered in the fifth, Datres had an RBI double in the sixth and Toglia homered in the eighth, his 14th, to account for the Yard Goats' runs.

Michael Baird (1-1) started and went 6 2/3 innings for the win.

ONLINE

More Yard Goats coverage at courant.com/sports

YANKEES NOTES

Judge salary agreement has Boone excited and relieved

By Matthew Roberson

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — To the surprise of nobody at all, Aaron Boone is happy that his best player came to a salary agreement without needing an arbitration hearing.

"I'm pleased," Boone grinned in Friday's pregame press conference. "Getting that news today, yeah I was excited about it. I'm excited that that's behind us. We can leave that portion of the show alone."

Judge agreed to a \$19 million salary with the Yankees prior to his scheduled arbitration hearing at noon on Friday. The contract dispute, which lingered into the final year of Judge's contract, certainly hasn't affected the big man between the lines. Judge has been the American League's most dominant force, and if he continues lighting everything on fire, he'll grab a \$250,000 bonus for winning the league's MVP.

Boone was asked if he's been surprised at how easily Judge can compartmentalize, separating the financial side of his job from the baseball side.

"If you just dropped me in and I didn't know him, or the situation, maybe," Boone said. "But that's who he is. I actually think it's easy for him to separate. It's why he's so revered in there. He's about winning and understands there's a business side to this.

But when he comes in and puts his uniform on, it's about winning. That's where his focus begins and ends."

Chapman begins rehab: Aroldis Chapman began his rehab assignment on Friday, reporting to the Somerset Patriots in Double-A. The reliever has not pitched since May 22 thanks to a nagging Achilles heel. In his absence, Clay Holmes reached a level that even Mariano Rivera never did, as Holmes broke Rviera's franchise record for consecutive scoreless outings.

Nobody is more aware of Holmes' ridiculousness than his manager, who is amused by the idea that getting Chapman back will disrupt things at the end of games.

"I kind of laugh at the continued questions about Chappy and Holmes," Boone said. "I'm excited about getting Chappy back healthy."

Hicks turning it on: After a walk and a three-run home run in the ninth inning of Thursday's game, Aaron Hicks woke up on Friday with a .300 average in the month of June. Boone can feel the switch hitter approaching the level he was at in 2018, when he put together an .833 OPS.

"This month I feel like he's slowly but surely started to get some results. He's worked really hard. He's done so much extra work and extra hitting to get himself in this position."

WNBA

Former UConn star Westbrook cut by Lynx

Staff report

The Minnesota Lynx waived former UConn guard Evina Westbrook on Friday, the team announced.

Westbrook, a 6-foot guard, originally was picked in the second round of the 2022

WNBA Draft with the 21st overall selection, by the Seattle Storm.

After being released by the Storm following the preseason, Westbrook signed with the Lynx on May 13. In 14 games for the Lynx, including two starts, Westbrook

averaged 2.6 points, 1.4 rebounds and 12.3 minutes.

Sun roster moves: The Connecticut Sun announced a pair of roster moves, waiving Joyner Holmes and Jazmine Jones. The 6-3 Holmes played in 12 games

for the Sun this season, averaging 7.5 minutes and 1.8 points. The 6-foot Jones played in just two games off the bench.

The Sun are 12-6 and in second place in the WNBA's Eastern Conference, a half-game behind Chicago.



The Red Sox's Jarren Duran runs during Thursday's game at Fenway Park in Boston.

CHARLES KRUPA/AP

RED SOX

Duran providing spark at the leadoff spot

By Jason Mastrodonato

Boston Herald

BOSTON — When the Red Sox aren't playing well, Xander Bogaerts usually knows why.

"We need to score first and give the pitchers some breathing room," he said in early May, and says often when the Sox are in an extended slump.

Scoring first in baseball matters more than we often think. Bogaerts' reasoning is simple: the starting pitchers don't feel the pressure.

The Red Sox are 29-16 (.644) when they score first and 10-15 (.400) when they don't.

Finding a leadoff hitter who is getting on base is Step 1, and the Red Sox have struggled in that regard for most of the season. They have a .291 on-base percentage out of the leadoff spot, ranking No. 26 in baseball. The only teams behind them are four of the worst teams in the big leagues: The A's, Tigers, Reds and Royals.

The Mets and Dodgers, two of the best teams in baseball, rank No. 1 and 2 in that regard.

The Red Sox have largely failed at finding anyone who can do the job, but Jarren Duran has started to flip the script.

Monday night, he drew a leadoff walk, stole second base and scored on a J.D. Martinez single to put the Red Sox ahead,

1-0. They held on to win 5-2.

Tuesday, Duran led off the game with an infield single, used his legs to go first to third on a Rafael Devers single to right field and scored on a sacrifice fly by Martinez to tie the game, 1-1, going into the second inning. They surged ahead on a Trevor Story homer and eventually won, 5-4.

With game-changing speed that ranks in the 93rd percentile among big leaguers, all Duran needs to do is reach first base and there's a good chance he's going to score.

"The walk and stolen base right away puts pressure on the opposition," manager Alex Cora said. "He's in a good place offensively. Compared to last year, much better. I know everybody got caught up in the home runs but that's not who he is. He's a line drive hitter that will hit for occasional homers, or power, whatever you want to call it. But controlling the strike zone and going the other way and putting pressure on the opposition, that's who he is."

If he can do it well, the Red Sox lineup is about to look a whole lot different.

They haven't had a speedy regular in the leadoff spot since Mookie Betts, who stole 30 bases out of the leadoff spot in 2018, and before him, Jacoby Ellsbury, who stole 52 bases leading off in 2013.

The Red Sox won the World Series both years.

RED SOX

Plans to activate Whitlock scrapped

By Peter Abraham

Boston Globe

CLEVELAND — The Red Sox were hoping to activate Garrett Whitlock from the injured list on Monday and start him against the Blue Jays in Toronto.

That plan was scrapped on Friday when Whitlock was unable to throw in the bullpen because of continued soreness in his right hip.

"He wasn't feeling good. Not moving well," manager Alex Cora said before

Friday night's game against the Guardians. "It's not that he took steps back, but he didn't recover the way we wanted him to. We just have to be patient."

Cora said the expectation is that Whitlock will not pitch on the road trip, which runs through July 3. The righthander last appeared in a game on June 7.

"You have good days and you have bad days," Whitlock said. "You literally have to take it one day at a time. This [injury] is differ-

ent because it's not something you feel throwing.

"But you have to be careful because an injury in your lower body can cause you to alter your mechanics and then you're dealing with something else."

The more immediate issue is that the Sox need a starter for the first game of an important series.

One option appears to be Triple A righthander Connor Seabold. His start on Friday against Charlotte at Polar Park was limited to one inning and 21 pitches.

Yankees

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characteristic in a modern game that prioritizes on-base and slugging percentages.

But even with Kiner-Falefa slugging .321 (lower than his .319 on-base percentage), he's been very adept at his offensive role. Entering Friday's game, he leads the team with 10 stolen bases, is tied for second on the team in base hits and doubles, and is tied for third in runs scored. FanGraphs has him as the Yankees' best base runner as well, providing 1.6 more runs on the base paths than the average big leaguer. Since 2020, the Hawaii native also ranks sixth among MLB shortstops in hits.

Sure, Kiner-Falefa is still searching for his first Yankee home run, but the things he does around the margins have made the team noticeably better. The front office wanted athleticism, sure hands and patient plate appearances that led to the ball being put in play. They'll take Kiner-Falefa's lack of power and 85 wRC+ to keep being a bottom of the order presence that can slap an infield single, steal second, and score on someone else's ball in the gap.

Then there's Trevino, who became an entirely different hitter the moment he put on the pinstripes. Trevino has spoken several times about the admiration he had for the Yankees as a kid, his late father's Yankee fandom, and how he idolized Derek Jeter growing up. Playing for this boyhood team put a jolt into the catcher's bat, as he's hitting .282/.336/.470 for the season, well above his career slash line of .252/.283/.384. Picked up in a trade for minor leaguer

Robby Ahlstrom and reliever Albert Abreu (who the Yankees just reacquired anyway), Trevino has been miles better than anyone could have reasonably expected.

In the first four years of his career, Trevino had a 66 wRC+, meaning he was 34% less productive than the average hitter. Now, he's all the way up at 131, 31% better than league average. The Yankees identified him as a Sanchez replacement primarily because of his defense, but the things he's done in the batter's box have made Trevino an undeniably solid all-around player, one that manager Aaron Boone has campaigned for to make the All-Star team. He only just recently eclipsed Kyle Higashio in plate appearances, and regression could certainly come for Trevino as he gets more regular playing time, but his emergence is one of the reasons why the Yankees have gone from merely good to unbeatable in 2022.

The beauty of all this for the Yankees is that everything that Kiner-Falefa and Trevino provide on offense is complementary, not the main dish. Aaron Judge, Giancarlo Stanton and Anthony Rizzo will keep doing the heavy lifting, and if the Ranger castoffs have a few bad months at the plate, the team will survive.

Every person in the Yankees' clubhouse will also keep repeating the company line that winning is the only thing that really matters, whether they're hitting .100 or .400. That's easy to say when you're clobbering every team and winning 74% of your games, but the fact of the matter is, that winning percentage wouldn't be so high if not for the new faces at the tail of the lineup.

METS NOTES

McNeil out of lineup for 3rd straight game

By Deesha Thosar

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Jeff McNeil was out of the Mets lineup on Friday for the third straight game.

The Mets second baseman has been dealing with a tight right hamstring since Monday, when he sprinted to home plate in the fourth inning of the Mets' 6-0 win over the Marlins at Citi Field. He underwent an MRI in New York on Monday, the results of which the Mets did not publicly reveal. On Tuesday at Minute Maid Park, McNeil said his hamstring tightness was improving and that he took himself out of Monday's game as a precaution.

Manager Buck Showalter said McNeil may be available to pinch-hit against the Marlins on Friday.

But there were also at least a handful of opportunities for Showalter to use McNeil as a pinch-hitter throughout the Mets' series against the Astros in Houston. McNeil, though, never came off the bench.

Not yet, Max: The Mets had considered starting Max Scherzer on Sunday in Miami, but Showalter made it clear on Friday that he will not be pitching for them just yet.

The Mets skipper was ambiguous about what exactly Scherzer's next step will be, but a couple of options include normal work days or another minor-league rehab start. The latter seems likely, particularly because Scherzer is with the Mets in Miami this weekend. He could start for the nearby Low-A St. Lucie Mets on Sunday and still finish his outing in time to travel with the team back up to New York. But the ace also indicated he does not need another rehab start following his 3.1 inning outing for Double-A Binghamton earlier this week.

"I want to be in the big leagues, not be a Rumble Pony," Scherzer told reporters on Tuesday in Binghamton.

Jake's next step: Jacob deGrom (right scapula stress reaction) will throw his second live batting practice on Saturday in Port St. Lucie. His first live BP was on Tuesday at the Mets facility, which was his first time facing hitters since he injured his shoulder in late March during spring training.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	52	18	.743	—	—	8-2	W-2	30-7	22-11
Toronto	39	30	.565	12 ½	+1	4-6	W-1	21-14	18-16
Boston	39	31	.557	13	+ ½	8-2	W-4	20-16	19-15
Tampa Bay	37	32	.536	14 ½	1	3-7	L-1	22-15	15-17
Baltimore	32	39	.451	20 ½	7	6-4	W-2	18-17	14-22

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	36	29	.554	—	—	8-2	L-1	16-10	20-19
Minnesota	39	32	.549	—	—	4-6	W-1	21-16	18-16
Chicago	33	35	.485	4 ½	4 ½	6-4	L-2	15-19	18-16
Detroit	26	43	.377	12	12	2-8	L-3	18-22	8-21
Kansas City	25	43	.368	12 ½	12 ½	5-5	L-1	12-21	13-22

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	43	26	.623	—	—	7-3	L-1	20-11	23-15
Texas	33	35	.485	9 ½	4 ½	6-4	W-2	16-18	17-17
Los Angeles	34	38	.472	10 ½	5 ½	5-5	W-1	18-20	16-18
Seattle	32	39	.451	12	7	5-5	W-3	15-18	17-21
Oakland	23	48	.324	21	16	2-8	L-3	8-28	15-20

BOX SCORES

THURSDAY'S RESULT: L.A. DODGERS 10, CINCINNATI 5

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
T.Turner ss	5	1	3	1	1	.312
Freeman 1b	5	1	2	3	1	.303
Smith dh	5	1	1	1	0	.256
Muncy 2b	4	2	3	1	0	.170
McKinstiry 2b	1	0	0	0	1	.143
Taylor rf	4	0	0	3	1	.252
Thompson rf	1	1	1	1	0	.167
J.Turner 3b	5	1	3	0	1	.220
Lux lf	4	0	0	0	1	.284
Bellinger cf	4	3	3	3	0	.213
Barnes c	1	0	0	0	0	.188
TOTALS	39	10	16	10	8	
Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
India dh	5	0	1	0	0	.234
Drury 1b	5	1	2	1	2	.270
Pham lf	5	2	2	3	0	.253
Farmer ss	3	0	1	0	0	.286
Solano 3b	4	0	3	1	0	.500
Reynolds 2b	3	0	0	0	3	.252
a-Schrock ph-2b1	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Almora Jr. cf	4	0	1	0	2	.286
Senzel cf	4	1	2	0	1	.211
Okey c	3	1	1	0	1	.182
b-Moustakas ph1	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Garcia c	0	0	0	0	0	.161
TOTALS	38	5	13	5	9	

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a-grounded out for Reynolds in the 7th. b-grounded out for Okey in the 8th. E: Barnes (3). **LOB:** Los Angeles 7, Cincinnati 7. **2B:** J.Turner 2(20), T.Turner (16), Solano 2(3), Drury (13).

HR: Freeman (8), off Greene; Bellinger (9), off Greene; Muncy (5), off Greene; Smith (10), off Hoffman; Thompson (1), off Warren; Pham (10), off Bickford.

RBIs: Bellinger 3(27), Freeman 3(45), Muncy (20), T.Turner (51), Smith (33), Thompson (5), Solano (2), Drury (36), Pham 3(29), SB: Senzel (3), Bellinger (9).

SF: Bellinger. **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 4(McKinstiry, Lux, Freeman 2), Cincinnati 5(Drury, Schrock, Senzel, Pham, Almora Jr.). **RISP:** Los Angeles 3 for 8; Cincinnati 3 for 13. **GIDP:** Moustakas. **DP:** Los Angeles 1(J.Turner, T.Turner, Freeman); Cincinnati 2(Pham, Drury, Pham; Drury, Senzel, Solano, Senzel).

LOS ANGELES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kershaw, W, 5-1	6	7	1	1	7	2.00	
Bickford, L, 1-2	½	4	4	0	0	5.48	
Almonte, H, 4	½	2	0	0	1	0.98	
Pride	1	0	0	0	0	1.378	
CINCINNATI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greene, L, 3-8	5	9	6	6	2	3	5.66
Hoffman	½	3	2	2	1	1	3.18
Cessa	½	1	0	0	0	1	.560
Detwiler	½	2	1	1	1	1	3.24
Strickland	½	0	0	0	1	5.32	
Warren	1	1	1	0	1	7.11	

Inherited runners-scored: Strickland 2-0. **Umpires:** Home, Quinn Wolcott; First, Alan Porter; Second, Jeremie Rehak; Third, Adam Beck. T: 3:14. A: 21,989 (42,319).

LATE THURSDAY: SEATTLE 2, OAKLAND 1						
Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Crawford ss	4	0	0	0	0	.276
France 1b	2	0	0	0	0	.316
Moore 1b-rf	1	1	0	0	1	.176
Rodriguez cf	4	0	0	0	1	.272
Winker lf	2	1	0	0	0	.217
Suarez dh	4	0	0	0	4	.224
Trammell rf	2	0	0	0	1	.254
b-Padilo ph-1b	0	0	0	0	0	0.1000
Toro 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.167
Frazier 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.222
Torrens c	3	0	1	0	1	.228
TOTALS	29	2	2	0	9	

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a-popped out for Bride in the 8th. b-walked for Trammell in the 9th. **LOB:** Seattle 6, Oakland 6. **2B:** Laureano (11). **RBIs:** Bethancourt (18), SB: Brown (7), Toro (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Seattle 3(Crawford, Frazier 2); Oakland 3(Pinder 2, Neuse). **RISP:** Seattle 0 for 3; Oakland 1 for 7. **GIDP:** Pinder. **DP:** Seattle 1(Crawford, France).

SEATTLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ray	6	4	1	1	2	6	4.07
Munoz	1	1	0	0	0	3	4.32
Castillo, W, 4-1	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.04
Sewald, S, 5-7	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.81
OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montas	8	2	0	0	2	8	3.21
Jackson, L, 1-2, H, 12 ½	0	2	2	2	0	3	8.3
Puk, BS, 0-1	½	0	0	0	2	0	1.91

Inherited runners-scored: Puk 2-2. **HBP:** Ray (Laureano). **WP:** Puk(2). **Umpires:** Home, Nic Lentz; First, Chad Fairchild; Second, Laz Diaz; Third, Erich Bacchus. T: 2:54. A: 8,215(46,847).

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL JUNE 25

1934: Pitcher John Broaca tied a major league record by striking out five consecutive times but pitched the Yankees to an 11-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox. Lou Gehrig had better luck at the plate, hitting for the cycle.

1937: Augie Galan of Chicago became the first National League switch-hitter to homer from both sides of the plate in the Cubs' 11-2 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers.

1950: Chicago's Hank Sauer hit two home runs and two doubles to send the Cubs past the Philadelphia Phillies 11-8.

1961: Baltimore and California used a major league record 16 pitchers, eight by each side, as the Orioles edged the Angels 9-8 on Ron Hansen's 14th-inning homer.

1968: Bobby Bonds, in his first major league game, hit a grand slam off John

THURSDAY'S RESULT: SAN FRANCISCO 6

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Yastrzemski rf	5	0	0	0	4	.250
Flores 2b	5	0	2	0	1	.241
Ruf 1b	5	1	2	0	2	.229
Pederson lf	4	1	2	1	0	.271
Longoria 3b	4	2	2	0	0	.225
Estrada ss	3	1	1	1	0	.263
La Stella dh	4	0	2	1	0	.267
Slater cf	4	1	2	2	1	.260
Casali c	2	0	1	1	0	.237
a-Belt ph	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Wynns c	1	0	0	0	1	.267
TOTALS	37	6	14	6	9	
Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Swanson ss	4	3	3	3	0	.302
d'Arnaud c	5	0	3	2	1	.265
Ozuna lf	2	0	0	1	1	.229
Duvall lf	0	0	0	0	0	.204
Olson 1b	4	0	0	1	1	.247
Contreras dh	4	0	0	0	0	.275
Arcia 3b	3	1	1	0	0	.329
Gosselin 2b	4	1	2	0	1	.200
Heredia rf	3	1	0	0	1	.130
Harris II cf	4	1	1	1	2	.330
TOTALS	33	7	10	7	7	

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Atlanta 150 100 00x — 7 10 0

a-walked for Casali in the 6th. **LOB:** San Francisco 8, Atlanta 8. **2B:** La Stella (7), d'Arnaud 2(12). **HR:** Slater (5), off Wright; Pederson (16), off Jansen; Swanson (11), off Wood; Swanson (12), off Littell. **RBIs:** Casali (14), Slater 2 (17), Estrada 2(19), La Stella (10), Pederson (38), Swanson 3(41), Harris II (14), d'Arnaud 2(34), Ozuna (29). **SF:** Ozuna. **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 3(Yastrzemski 3); Atlanta 3 (Contreras 3). **RISP:** San Francisco 5 for 13; Atlanta 2 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Slater, Olson. **GIDP:** Ruf, Estrada, Longoria, Slater. **DP:** Atlanta 4(Swanson, Gosselin, Olson; Gosselin, Swanson, Olson; Gosselin, Swanson, Olson; Swanson, Gosselin, Olson).

SAN FRANCISCO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wood, L, 5-6	1	4	6	6	2	1	5.05
Littell	3	3	1	1	0	3	4.97
Garcia	2	2	0	0	1	2	1.82
Long	2	1	0	0	1	1	1.80
ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wright, W, 8-4	5½	10	4	4	1	4	3.18
Chavez, H, 2	½	0	0	0	1	3	3.00
Smith, H, 8	1	3	1	1	0	1	3.58
Jansen, S, 19-22	1	1	1	1	0	1	3.23

Inherited runners-scored: Littell 2-1, Chavez 2-0. **HBP:** Wood 2(Ozuna, Swanson), Wright 2(Estrada, Pederson). **Umpires:** Home, Bruce Dreckman; First, Paul Emmel; Second, Shane Livensparger; Third, Pat Hoberg. T: 3:08. A: 36,870 (41,084).

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 3b	3	1	0	0	2	.257
Judge cf	5	1	2	1	1	.304
Rizzo 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.228
Stanton dh	3	2	1	3	0	.246
Torres 2b	3	1	0	0	2	.255
Hicks lf	3	1	1	3	0	.237
Kiner-Falefa ss	4	0	1	0	1	.269
Trevino c	4	1	1	0	0	.282
Gallo rf	4	0	0	0	3	.176
TOTALS	32	7	6	7	10	

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Trevino c 4 1 1 0 0 0 .282
Gallo rf 4 0 0 0 0 3 .176
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N.Y. Yankees 100 000 004 — 7 6 0

Two outs when winning run scored. **E:** Bregman (3). **LOB:** Houston 7, New York 5. **2B:** Tucker (12), Altuve 2(13), Gurriel (20). **HR:** Bregman (9), off Tailion; Alvarez (22), off Tailion; Stanton (15), off Valdez; Hicks (3), off Pressly. **RBIs:** Bregman 3(35), Alvarez 3(54), Stanton 3(45), Hicks 3(18), Judge (53). **CS:** Kiner-Falefa (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 4(Dubon 2, Brantley 2); New York 0. **RISP:** Houston 2 for 10; New York 3 for 4. **Runners moved up:** Rizzo. **GIDP:** Maldonado. **DP:** New York 1(Torres, Rizzo).

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Valdez	6	2	3	3	7	2.90	
Neris, H, 15	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.86
Montero, H, 11	0	0	0	0	1	1.88	
Pressly, L, 1-2	½	3	4	4	2	0	4.26
BS, 14-17							
Staneke	½	1	0	0	1	1	0.74
NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Tailion	5½	10	6	6	0	3	3.19
Lueghe	½	0	0	0	0	1	3.43
A.Breau	1	0	0	0	1	0	3.21
McCastro, W, 4-0	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.15

Pitches-Strikes: Valdez 101-64; Neris 11-7; Montero 15-7; Pressly 26-13; Staneke 13-6; Tailion 90-63; Lueghe 13-7; Abreu 17-9; Castro 15-8. **Inherited runners**

SPORTS

TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES

Power finds out he has a super fan from Glastonbury

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

CROMWELL — Once Seamus Power finished his second round on 18 on Friday he hustled up the hill toward the clubhouse sporting a toothy grin, pleased with his 5-under-par 65 second round that helped him make the Travelers Championship cut.

Power looked down for a few seconds and then glanced quickly to his left — half of his focus on getting up the hill, half on the fans.

There was one fan who stood out. Tim O'Brien, a Glastonbury resident, wore a bright green shirt that featured Power's face on its front, and the outline of the Irish map overlaid with the orange, white and green colors of the flag on its back — "Team Seamus," it read.

As Power ran up the hill, O'Brien called out to him, sure to let the 36th-ranked player in the world know: "I've got to get a signature afterward!" "I saw him," Power said minutes later, tilting his head back with laughter.

"Hopefully I can get some more people like that going forward."

O'Brien became a fan after watching last season right as Power's career began to take off. The Irish golfer had four top-10 finishes in 2020-21, including a Barbasol Championship win after six playoff rounds. That July 2021 win made him just the fifth player from Ireland to win a PGA Tour event.

In the 2021-22 season, Power has five top-10 finishes and is No. 23 in the PGAs FedExCup standings. He finished 12th at the U.S. Open a week before coming to Travelers.

A group with history

Harris English, the 2021 champion, rolled in a 20-foot putt to birdie the ninth hole Friday just after TPC River Highlands amateur record-holder Patrick Cantlay shot out of the right-side bunker, six feet from the hole. It took Cantlay five shots to finish, but his bogey left the pair each 9-under through two rounds.

"I'm really comfortable around this golf course and feel like that's only an advantage for me," Cantlay said after shooting 6-under par 64 in the first round Thursday.

Making up ground

Nick Hardy was one of nine golfers to shoot 6-under par 64 in the second round, which jumped him 13 spots into a tie for second on the leaderboard heading into the weekend.

"I just was in great rhythm," he said. "That's kind of been the name of the game for me since I came back. I think I'm swinging the club well and my mind is in a good spot."

By shooting 7 under in round two, Harold Varner III made up for a 2 over first round and made the cut. Korean K.H. Lee highlighted his second-round 64 with an eagle on 13. Adam Svensson, Harry Higgs and Scott Stallings also shot 6-under.

Who missed the cut

With the cut set at 2 under, several big names will leave Cromwell early. Highlighting the list were world No. 9 Sam Burns and world No. 11 Jordan Spieth. Burns shot an even par

through each of the first two rounds after six birdies and six bogeys. After shooting 5-over 75 Thursday, Spieth had ground to make up Friday. He made a push with four birdies — three on the front nine — but came up three strokes short at 1 over.

Last year's second-place finisher, Kramer Hickock, was cut from the field after shooting 1-under. Joaquin Niemann, Rickie Fowler, Jason Day and Aaron Wise also missed the cut, among others.

Round 3 tee times

7:55 a.m.: Paul Barjon
8 a.m.: Lucas Glover and Morgan Hoffman
8:10 a.m.: Ben Silverman and Kelly Kraft
8:20 a.m.: Joseph Bramlett and Michael Gligic
8:30 a.m.: Kevin Streelman and Matt Wallace
8:40 a.m.: Keegan Bradley and Scott Stallings
8:50 a.m.: Robert Streb and Kevin Tway
9 a.m.: Davis Riley and Stewart Cink
9:10 a.m.: Peter Malnati and Brian Harman
9:25 a.m.: Luke Donald and Matthew Wolff
9:35 a.m.: Matthias Schwab and Andrew Putnam
9:45 a.m.: Conrad Shindler and Austin Cook
9:55 a.m.: Bill Haas and Andrew Novak
10:05 a.m.: Chez Reavie and William McGirt
10:15 a.m.: Tony Finau and Nate Lashley
10:25 a.m.: Sam Ryder and Luke List
10:35 a.m.: Mackenzie Hughes and Christopher Gotterup
10:45 a.m.: Patton Kizzire and Joel Dahmen
11 a.m.: Taylor Moore and Tyler Duncan
11:10 a.m.: Aaron Rai and Hank Lebioda
11:20 a.m.: Harold Varner III and Tommy Fleetwood
11:30 a.m.: Chesson Hadley and Mark Hubbard
11:40 a.m.: Harry Higgs and Jonas Blikt
11:50 a.m.: Adam Svensson and Scottie Scheffler
Noon: Ryan Armour and Hayden Buckley
12:10 p.m.: Brendal Steele and Keith Mitchell
12:20 p.m.: Michael Thorbjornsen and Wyndham Clark
12:35 p.m.: Adam Long and Webb Simpson
12:45 p.m.: John Huh and Lee Hodges
12:55 p.m.: Martin Laird and Matthew NeSmith
1:05 p.m.: Charles Howell III and Rory McIlroy
1:15 p.m.: Seamus Power and Sahith Theegala
1:25 p.m.: K.H. Lee and J.T. Poston
1:35 p.m.: Cam Davis and Kevin Kisner
1:45 p.m.: Harris English and Nick Hardy
1:55 p.m.: Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay



Harris English's caddy Eric Larson advises the three-time PGA tour winner at the Travelers Championship on Friday in Cromwell. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

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strokes later, eventually scrambling for a double-bogey six.

Carried by his strong front nine, McIlroy still finished that day at even-par and sits in a group of nine players tied for seventh at 8-under.

"We all said walking off 17, 'How long have we been out here?' I'm exhausted," Kevin Kisner, who was in McIlroy's group, said. "It was a long round. You wait that whole back nine, and just thankful on the weekend we'll play twos and move along a lot faster."

Harris English, the defending champion, caught fire in the second round alongside his groupmate Patrick Cantlay. The two battled side-by-side to a morning tie atop the leaderboard at 9-under par after two rounds.

English shot 5-under 65 in Round Two while Cantlay shot 3-under 67, accelerating the pair into a five-way tie for second place entering the weekend.

"I have had some really good rounds here, and obviously winning last year is a huge boost when you step on the

property. You've done it before and you know what to do around this place. I feel like the putter has heated up this week. I putted well last year, that was the strength of my game. Worked on putting a good bit the last few days and it's showing," English said.

Cantlay added, "I think I'm just a lot more comfortable and confident that I don't have to do anything special or outside myself to play really good golf. This week is no different. I just have to stick to my game plan and keep hitting smart shots."

Harold Varner III jumped 85 spots on the leaderboard with an impressive 7-under 63, tying him with Schauffele and for the best score of the day and saving him from the cut after he shot 2-over in the first round.

Eight different golfers shot 6-under on Friday, including Kisner, who enters the weekend tied for second alongside English and Cantlay at 9 under.

"I am a really good putter, and good putters need to hit greens, so that's all I try to shoot for. If I get the putter rolling and get going I can shoot as low as anyone out here. Five shots is not insurmountable, but I'm going to need him

(Schauffele) to slow down a little bit," Kisner said.

The cut was set at 2-under, meaning 2021 second-place finisher Kramer Hickock (1-under), world No. 9 Sam Burns (even), world No. 11 Jordan Spieth (1-over) and the amateur from Milford, Ben James (1-over), among others, will miss the weekend.

"I learned a lot. Played all right. Again, so cool, and just so thankful to have the opportunity to play this event," James said after shooting 1-under on Friday.

Heading into the third round on Saturday, the leaderboard is congested at the top behind Schauffele, who has finished in the top-20 in two of his three Travelers appearances. After making par on 18, Schauffele gave a small nod to his caddie and to the crowd before calmly walking off the course, eyes set straight on the weekend.

"It's only Friday," Schauffele said. "We've got 36 more holes and I need to stay aggressive. This is a course that's giving up some birdies, and if you're leading the pack and you get kind of comfortable, people are going to hunt you down."

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McIlroy took a penalty stroke, then hit his provisional tee shot into the rough, still 154 yards from the hole.

Then he hit one into the bunker. Out of one bunker, he nearly found another, landing in the rough, still 25 feet from the hole. At last, he reached the green on his seventh shot, then sank a 2 1/2-foot putt for a quadruple-bogey eight.

Yes, you've read Rory McIlroy and quadruple bogey in the same sentence.

"When you hit a tee shot like that on 12, the first one, the second one is pretty difficult," he said. "You know, and you're sort guarding against the left one and I missed it right. It was just one of those [things]."

But the thing is, McIlroy can still emerge as a Travelers contender on Sunday. He's 8-under after shooting even par, within six shots of Schauffele, who tied tournament marks for the lowest 36-hole score and largest 36-hole lead.

"I think it's pretty impressive he shot even par with a quad and

a double," said Kevin Kisner, who was playing with McIlroy and shot a 6-under 64 to pull into a tie for second. "So he's playing awesome golf. Just one bad swing really and off you go. The back nine [at TPC] is the most risk-reward golf that we have, because you can shoot anywhere from 28 to 39 and really not be that far off. You hit a couple bad shots and there are hazards and outs of bounds there pretty much the whole back nine."

McIlroy found trouble again in No. 15, hitting his tee shot into the crowd, his third into the water and scrambled for a double-bogey six.

In March 2015, a younger McIlroy flung his club into the water at the WGC-Cadillac Championship, later apologizing for "letting my frustration get the better of me." The TPC got the better of McIlroy, but he harnessed his frustration, getting a birdie with a 5-foot, 7-inch putt on 16, and just rimming out with a birdie putt on 18 as the fans surrounding the green, and the hundreds who'd been following him, gave him a hearty round of applause. He walked off gracefully, but bypassed the interview area, talking to a pool interviewer.

"I put myself in a great position

in this tournament," McIlroy said. "And then just three bad swings have sort of cost me six shots. You know, I've got all that work to sort of try it makeup over the weekend. At least I have the time to do it."

McIlroy has won 33 pro tournaments, 21 times on the PGA Tour, with four majors, yet McIlroy has had to shake off quadruple bogeys before. McIlroy made a quad in March of 2021 at The Players Championship, and another in December at the Hero World Challenge. As one can see, days like Friday don't have lasting effects. That's what separates the best in the world from the rest. A good night's sleep, Kisner said, is about all McIlroy needs.

"I just need to get off to the start [Saturday] I got off to today," McIlroy said. "I'm six behind Xander, but I think second place is either 9- or 10-under. There is a lot of time left and I know that there is so many birdies on the golf course for me. It's just a matter of not trying to force the issue, stay patient, and if I keep playing the golf I know I can play, I'll hopefully get a little closer to that lead."

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that involves both mentorship and sponsorship in December. She even helped design the shoes he wore in Game 3 of the Finals.

But as much as she enjoyed the experience and as happy as she was for her mentor, Fudd couldn't help but think back to the pain of losing in the title game to South Carolina this past season. And of what she'd like to experience instead.

"It stung a little bit because, I mean, we lost a championship," Fudd said. "So it was kind of like a little bit more fuel to the fire of this is how we want to feel next year. Come next season we want to be in their position, next year winning it all."

Fudd and Bueckers attended both Game 4 and Game 6, joined by Caroline Ducharme and Nika Mühl at the latter.

"Caroline was a little bummed," Fudd said of the Milton, Massachusetts, native, "but I didn't mind rubbing it in her face."

The experience offered more than motivation and bragging rights over teammates, though. It was also an opportunity for the Huskies to learn from the four-time NBA champion. Fudd watched Curry's warmups with fascination, taking careful note of his attention to detail, footwork and shot mechanics.

"It's all, I don't want to say perfect," Fudd said, "but like it's all very, every time he shoots it's the same way, and that's how I like to shoot."

After one of the games they attended, Curry imparted a valuable lesson on Bueckers and Fudd.

"He kind of talked to me and Paige about it after one of the games and how Draymond [Green] is usually their [guy] that like riles

them up, gives them their energy," Fudd said. "And Draymond was down that one game, and so (Steph) had to pick up that role where Draymond left off."

Fudd believes that carries over to their UConn team and is something to keep in mind for this upcoming season.

"If I don't play as well, Paige doesn't play as well, Caroline, Nika, other people step it up," Fudd said. "We have other teammates that will pick it up and we can count on and carry us through it. So it's not all on one person. I think that's the biggest thing with our team that you can kind of carry over is that we can all build off each other."

Fudd also admired how Curry responded throughout the series. He scored 43 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and went 7 of 14 from 3-point range in Game 4, but then went 0 for 9 beyond the arc in the following contest. Determined not to let that affect him, Curry came back and led the Warriors to the title in Game 6 with 34 points on 6 of 11 3-point shooting, and seven rebounds and seven assists.

"It's kind of just a testimony to him and his work ethic," Fudd said. "And I think that's something that I focus too much, like if I have a rough game I'll carry that on with me too long. I just need to be able to forget it, let it go and it's on to the next game."

There's a strong chance one of those games will have Curry, Green and Klay Thompson in attendance. Bueckers and Fudd chatted it up with the star trio after both games. Green promised that they would come to UConn's campus to watch a game next season — if they could find Storrs.

"They argue that Storrs is pretty hard to get into," Bueckers joked, "but I'm sure they can find a way."

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"It's part of our mission to obviously win as many games as we can, go deep into the tournament as we can and also produce NBA players," Murray said. "If you look at the history of UConn, they've been able to do both things to win big and produce NBA guys. I think there are only 14 or 15 teams in the country that have had players picked in the last two drafts. We are hoping to have players picked in next year's draft as well. It's something we are striving toward."

After transferring from the University of Rhode Island before the 2020-21 season, Martin played two seasons with the Huskies. He averaged a career-high 13.6 points and 7.5 rebounds while shooting 43% from the 3-point line in the 2021-22 season.

He rose up draft boards after his stellar play in his post-collegiate appearances. career. He was named to the Portsmouth Invitational all-tournament team, which led to an invitation to the NBA's G League Elite Camp. Martin, 6 feet 6, was then one of the seven players chosen from that to participate in the NBA Combine.

"Every step along the way he had to bring it because nothing was easy for him on his path," Murray said. "He wasn't necessarily getting the benefit of the doubt. He had to earn it every step of the way and he did."

According to Murray, the Hawks loved Martin's attitude, his desire to win and his overall defensive ability. They felt adding an older, more experienced player to the roster would bode well.

Landry Fields, the Atlanta Hawks general manager, raved about Martin's mentality post-draft.

"What an unbelievable story. Fields said. "Another guy that from a character-value standpoint and what we want to build here, we couldn't be more excited. Him and A.J. are top notch in that regard. Tough kid, brings defense, also versatile as a wing, can shoot the ball. Hopefully, we can continue to see that be consistent as we continue on here."

"At UConn, he played a great role and that's really going to help us as we project a guy like that in the second round to get in the pathway to possibly play more."



UConn forward Isaiah Whaley (5) congratulates guard Tyrese Martin (4) after a game against Seton Hall on March 3, 2021, in Newark, New Jersey. AP FILE

As Martin heads to Atlanta, Whaley is excited to start his career with the Hornets.

"I feel good, just excited, especially for my hometown team to be a fan," the Gastonia, North Carolina, native told The Courant. "It's a special feeling."

Whaley wasn't selected on Thursday night and admitted the waiting after was nerve-wracking. Late in the night, he received a call from his agent about Charlotte's interest in him. Whaley had worked out with the Hornets twice.

"It's a dream come true," said Whaley, who averaged 7.7 points, 4.8 rebounds, 1.1 assists and 2.2 blocks for the Huskies during the 2021-22 season. "Especially since I was never able to play in front of them in college. To actually play in front of them at the next level is crazy."

An Exhibit 10 contract is a one-year, minimum salary NBA contract and includes a training camp invite. The contract is typically nonguaranteed but allows the team to convert the contract to a two-way deal as long as it happens before the start of the regular season. In addition, these contracts include bonuses between \$5,000 and \$50,000, which will be given if the player is waived but spends at least 60 days as part team's G-League affiliate.

Whaley will head to Las Vegas in the coming weeks to play for the Hornets' summer league team from July 7-17, and he's ready to make his mark.

"I want to prove that I belong," he said. "That I can help any NBA team and bring something to the table."

SCOREBOARD

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINAL
Colorado 3, Tampa Bay 1
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
G1: June 15: Colorado, 4-3 (OT)
G2: June 18: Colorado 7-0.
G3: June 20: Tampa Bay 6-2.
G4: June 22: Colorado 3-2 (OT)
G5: Friday: at Colorado, late
x-66: Sunday: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-67: Tuesday: at Colorado, 8 p.m.

POSTSEASON STATS						
COLORADO	GP	G	A	PT	S	ATOI
Cale Makar	18	7	20	27	65	27:10
Mikko Rantanen	18	5	20	25	51	20:09
Nathan MacKinnon	18	12	9	21	104	21:18
Gabriel Landeskog	18	11	10	12	52	20:57
Nazem Kadri	14	7	8	15	49	17:23
Devon Toews	18	5	9	14	41	25:54
Valeri Nichushkin	18	8	5	13	63	20:06
Artturi Lehkonen	18	7	6	13	40	16:59
J.T. Compher	18	5	3	8	26	14:07
Andre Burakovsky	12	3	5	8	13	12:25
Bowen Byram	18	0	8	8	37	18:54
Josh Manson	18	3	4	7	38	17:20
Andrew Cogliano	14	3	3	6	14	9:49
Darren Helm	18	2	3	5	26	11:43
Erik Johnson	18	1	4	5	29	17:07
Logan O'Connor	15	1	3	4	21	10:05
Alex Newhook	10	0	4	4	5	10:59
Samuel Girard	7	1	2	2	3	17:59
Nico Sturm	11	0	2	2	8	8:54
Darcy Kuemper	14	0	1	1	0	54:51
Nicolas Aube-Kubel	14	0	0	0	16	10:22
Pavel Francouz	7	0	0	0	0	48:44
Jack Johnson	11	0	0	0	2	11:21
Team	18	81	129	210	714	

GOALTENDER	W	L	SV	SV%	GAA	MIN
Darcy Kuemper	9	3	300	.898	2.66	768
Pavel Francouz	6	0	155	.906	2.81	341
Team	15	3	455	.901	2.70	110

TAMPA BAY	GP	G	A	PT	S	ATOI
Nikita Kucherov	21	7	19	26	69	20:40
Ondrej Palat	21	10	9	19	44	16:40
Victor Hedman	21	3	15	18	69	24:39
Steven Stamkos	21	10	7	17	64	18:40
Corey Perry	21	6	3	9	40	12:44
Ross Colton	21	5	4	9	35	13:27
Nick Paul	21	5	4	9	43	18:11
Anthony Cirelli	21	3	5	8	42	19:56
Mikhail Sergachev	21	6	8	26	22:10	
Pat Maroon	21	4	2	6	26	8:51
Brandon Hagel	21	2	4	6	37	14:11
Brayden Point	9	2	3	5	22	18:46
Ryan McDonagh	21	1	4	4	22	22:23
Alex Killorn	21	0	4	4	42	19:33
Jan Rutta	15	0	4	4	9	13:02
PE Bellemare	21	2	1	3	16	10:41
Zach Bogosian	20	3	3	3	19	12:43
Erik Cernak	21	1	1	2	19	19:18
Callan Foote	13	0	2	2	8	11:29
Riley Nash	6	0	0	0	6	7:03
Andrei Vasilevsky	21	0	0	0	0	61:11
Team	21	631	0003	6663		

GOALTENDER	W	L	SV	SV%	GAA	MIN
Andrei Vasilevsky	13	8	630	.920	2.57	1285
Team	13	8	630	.920	2.57	1285
through Game 4 of Cup Finals						

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES					
MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS					
RK	MAKE	PTS	PB	W	
1	Chevrolet	582	—	8	
2	Ford	541	-41	4	
3	Toyota	540	-42	4	

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS					
DRIVER	W	T5	T10	PTS	
Chase Elliott	2	7	10	536	
Ross Chastain	1	7	10	520	
Kyle Busch	1	6	11	513	
Ryan Blaney	0	5	8	511	
Joey Logano	2	5	7	506	
Martin Truex, Jr.	0	2	7	481	
Kyle Larson	1	6	8	476	
William Byron	2	4	5	466	
Alex Bowman	1	3	9	460	
Christopher Bell	0	4	9	444	
Aric Almirola	0	2	5	423	
Kevin Harvick	0	4	8	416	
Chase Briscoe	1	3	4	386	
Tyler Reddick	0	4	6	381	
Austin Dillon	0	3	6	376	
Erik Jones	0	1	5	368	
Daniel Suarez	1	3	5	366	
Austin Cindric	1	2	3	362	
Kurt Busch	1	4	6	355	
Michael McDowell	0	1	6	330	
Denny Hamlin	2	3	3	325	
Chris Buescher	0	1	4	318	
Justin Haley	0	1	1	310	
Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	0	1	5	288	
Bubba Wallace	0	1	2	284	
Ty Dillon	0	0	1	270	
Cole Custer	0	0	0	262	
Harrison Burton	0	0	0	241	
Todd Gilliland	0	0	0	239	
Brad Keselowski	0	0	2	227	
Corey LaJoie	0	1	1	185	
Cody Ware	0	1	0	139	
B.J. McLeod	0	0	0	104	
David Ragan	0	0	1	61	
Greg Biffle	0	0	0	24	
Joey Hand	0	0	0	19	
Jacques Villeneuve	0	0	0	15	
Boris Said	0	0	0	11	

NASCAR CUP FASTEST LAPS					
Points standing positions, percentage and total fastest laps:					
DRIVER	POS.	PCT.	LAPS		
1. Ross Chastain	2	7.4	262		
2. Kyle Busch	3	6.9	246		
3. Chase Elliott	1	6.4	229		
4. William Byron	8	5.5	196		
5. Ryan Blaney	4	5.4	192		
6. Martin Truex Jr	6	5.3	189		
7. Kyle Larson	7	5.2	186		
8. Tyler Reddick	14	4.7	167		
9. Christopher Bell	10	4.4	155		
10. Chase Briscoe	13	4.4	154		

LAPS LED			
DRIVER	EV	LAPS	LED
William Byron	16	3939	570
Chase Elliott	16	4120	471
Ross Chastain	16	4009	426
Ryan Blaney	16	3959	385
Kyle Busch	16	4070	345
Kyle Larson	16	3972	273
Tyler Reddick	16	4035	249
Chase Briscoe	16	4078	216
Daniel Suarez	16	3988	203
Joey Logano	16	4235	177
Denny Hamlin	16	3869	173
Martin Truex, Jr.	16	4225	172
Christopher Bell	16	4191	158
Kurt Busch	16	3933	139

AVERAGE FINISH POSITION			
DRIVER	EV	AvSt	AvFn
Kyle Busch	16	10.4	11.8
Alex Bowman	16	13.4	12.1
Chase Elliott	16	12.3	12.6
Ross Chastain	16	16.4	12.8
Ryan Blaney	16	8.8	12.9
Kevin Harvick	16	20.0	13.4
Martin Truex, Jr.	16	15.3	13.9
Joey Logano	16	12.3	14.2
Aric Almirola	16	18.4	14.2
Kyle Larson	16	9.8	15.0
Christopher Bell	16	9.2	15.2
Austin Dillon	16	19.0	15.2
William Byron	16	14.0	16.0
David Ragan	3	35.0	16.7

POLE POSITIONS			
Christopher Bell, 3	Ryan Blaney, 3.		
Kyle Larson, 2	Chase Briscoe		
Chris Buescher	Austin Cindric		
Cole Custer	Chase Elliott		
Denny Hamlin	Joey Logano		

LAPS IN THE TOP 15			PCT.	LAPS
1. Ryan Blaney	74.7	3248		
2. Chase Elliott	74.1	3222		
3. Joey Logano	73.5	3199		
4. Ross Chastain	72.6	3160		
5. Kyle Busch	72.4	3150		
6. Kyle Larson	71.7	3121		
7. William Byron	69.9	3041		
8. Martin Truex Jr.	68.5	2981		
9. Christopher Bell	67.3	2926		
10. Alex Bowman	66.9	2912		

MILES LED			LAPS	MILES
Aric Almirola	4345	5,846.49		
Michael McDowell	4327	5,822.00		
Alex Bowman	4297	5,788.08		
Erik Jones	4290	5,759.14		
Kevin Harvick	4180	5,734.54		
Martin Truex, Jr.	4225	5,716.95		
Todd Gilliland	4232	5,593.29		
Joey Logano	4235	5,564.40		
Christopher Bell	4191	5,512.30		
Chase Elliott	4120	5,505.99		

SOCCER

MLS							
EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	
New York City FC	8	3	3	27	26	11	
N.Y. Red Bulls	7	4	5	26	26	17	
Philadelphia	6	1	8	26	20	11	
Orlando City	7	6	4	25	20	23	
CF Montreal	7	6	2	23	28	27	
Cincinnati	7	7	2	23	23	26	
New England	6	5	5	23	27	26	
Charlotte FC	6	8	2	20	16	19	
Atlanta	5	5	4	19	22	20	
Inter Miami CF	5	7	3	18	15	24	
Columbus	4	5	5	17	18	17	
Toronto FC	4	8	3	15	21	29	
D.C. United	4	8	2	14	17	24	
Chicago	3	7	5	14	14	20	
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	
Los Angeles FC	9	3	3	30	30	17	
Real Salt Lake	8	4	4	28	20	19	
Austin FC	8	4	3	27	29	18	
FC Dallas	7	4	4	25	24	15	
LA Galaxy	7	5	3	24	18	16	
Nashville	6	5	5	23	19	18	
Seattle	6	6	2	20	20	17	
Vancouver	6	8	2	20	18	28	
Colorado	5	6	4	19	17	18	
Houston	5	7	3	18	18	19	
Minnesota United	5	7	3	18	16	17	
Sporting KC	4	9	4	16	16	29	
Portland	3	6	7	16	22	26	
San Jose	3	7	6	15	25	34	
Three points for win, one point for tie.							

MOTORING

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The 2022 Audi A3 is a compact luxury sedan with sharp looks, a powerful and efficient engine and a premium interior. **AUDI AG**

An entry-level showdown

Can the completely redesigned Audi A3 with its new technology beat out highly-rated Volvo S60?

By **Michael Cantu**
Edmunds

The 2022 Audi A3 has been completely redesigned with new tech, updated styling and improved fuel efficiency. But can it outperform the sophisticated and highly rated Volvo S60? Each one is its brand's entry-level offering loaded with lots of value. Will Swedish styling and comfort win over Audi's sharp lines and German engineering? Edmunds compares both small luxury sedans.

If you're in the market for a new midsize sedan like a Honda Accord and have the budget for a fully loaded top trim, then there's a good chance you can afford an entry-level luxury sedan. Luxury models typically offer more power, comfort, refinement and, of course, brand-name prestige. Two options to consider this year are the Audi A3 and Volvo S60.

Newly redesigned for the 2022 model year, the Audi A3 stands out by way of its enjoyable performance, comfortable ride and top-notch technology features. The current Volvo S60 has been around longer, but its distinctive design, standard driver aids and optional plug-in hybrid model have made it one of Edmunds' highly rated

luxury sedans. Which one is the better buy? Edmunds' experts compared them to find out.

Value and features

The 2022 Audi A3 has a starting price of \$35,895, including destination, making it one of the most affordable luxury sedans. But don't let the price tag fool you. The A3 looks and feels much like larger Audis, and it's in no way a cut-rate model. It also packs impressive standard features such as heated front seats, a 10.1-inch touchscreen display and a panoramic sunroof. Notable optional features include several advanced driver aids, a digital instrument panel and a Bang & Olufsen audio system.

The 2022 Volvo S60's starting price is considerably higher at \$40,295, mostly because it's a slightly larger and more powerful sedan. It offers similar standard features and a full suite of advanced driver aids, something that's optional on the A3. The S60's optional features are also comparable.

Thanks to the A3's redesign, it provides some of Audi's latest tech including a modern-looking and easy-to-use touchscreen entertainment system. The S60 has a 9-inch center touchscreen, but in our experience, its user interface



The 2022 Volvo S60 is a compact luxury sedan with brisk acceleration, an Android-based operating system and comfortable seats. **VOLVO CARS OF NORTH AMERICA**

had a steep learning curve and wasn't as intuitive as the A3's. When it comes to advanced driver aids, such as adaptive cruise control, we've found that the Audi's aids operated more unobtrusively.

If you have the budget for it, you can upgrade to either the sportier Audi S3 or the Volvo S60 Recharge plug-in hybrid. Of the two, the S3 is less powerful and less efficient but it does have a lower starting price.

Winner: Audi A3

Engines and fuel economy

Luxury sedans should provide plenty of power, and with today's sky-high fuel prices, fuel efficiency is more important than ever.

The A3's turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine is both powerful and efficient. It produces 201 horsepower and 221 lb-ft of torque and gets up to an EPA-estimated 32 mpg in combined city/highway driving. The A3 comes standard with front-wheel drive, and all-wheel drive, which can enhance traction in slippery or icy conditions, is optional.

The S60 also has a turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder that's labeled B5. It makes 247 horsepower and 258 lb-ft, so it's a bit more powerful than the A3's base engine. However, its EPA-estimated 30 mpg combined makes it slightly less fuel-efficient. And

that's with front-wheel drive. Go with all-wheel drive in the Volvo and you're looking at 28 mpg combined.

There are other options if you want more power. Audi offers the sport-tuned S3, which is similar to the A3 but has a 306-horsepower engine. Volvo, for its part, has the S60 Recharge. The Recharge has a plug-in hybrid powertrain that creates a whopping 455 horsepower. Even better, it can also travel about 40 miles on all-electric power from a fully charged battery and then get an estimated 31 mpg combined when operating as a regular hybrid.

Winner: Volvo S60

Driving and comfort

Audi and Volvo cite very similar acceleration for the base engines with front-wheel drive, which is around 6.5 seconds. The optional engines also have similar acceleration; Audi cites a 4.5-second 0-60 mph sprint for the S3, and Volvo says the S60 Recharge can do it in 4.3 seconds.

Comfort is similar in both cars. They have smooth rides and supportive front seats that are great for daily commutes or long highway trips.

The S60 is a slightly bigger car, however, and that pays dividends by way of its roomier back seat and trunk.

The A3 pulls back into contention in this category by being the better car for driving enjoyment. It feels small and nimble and can tackle a curvy road with ease. The bigger and heavier S60 is competent around turns but isn't as engaging or fun.

Winner: Tie

Edmunds says: The A3 just walks away with a narrow victory. It delivers everything an entry-level luxury sedan should and does so at an agreeable price. Volvo's S60 isn't quite as well rounded, but it's still an excellent choice, particularly if you're interested in a plug-in hybrid.

Can you use E85 fuel in your car as gas prices hit record high?

By **Simone Jasper**
The Charlotte Observer

As prices at the pump hit record highs, some drivers might be wondering about cheaper ways to fill their cars.

One of those options is E85 fuel, which is almost 70 cents less expensive per gallon when compared to gasoline.

But as fuel prices continue to rise, can you put E85 in your car? Here's how to check — and some

factors you might want to consider.

Which cars use E85?

E85, also known as flex fuel, is a substance that contains gasoline. It also consists of up to about 85% ethanol, which is made from plant materials such as corn.

"Ethanol can be extremely helpful in cutting down on emissions but a car's fuel delivery system and engine need to be designed to use it," AAA

said in May in an online post.

E85 should only be put in certain cars, experts warn. Those cars, called flex fuel vehicles, have the ability to run on a combination of E85 and gasoline.

To check if your car is a flex fuel vehicle, the U.S. Department of Energy suggests looking for a few signs:

- Yellow-colored gas cap or a flex fuel label near where you pump gas
- Markers on the outside

of the car with the labels: E85, FFV or Flex Fuel

- Reference to E85 in the owner's manual

If you don't have a flex fuel vehicle, putting E85 in it isn't recommended.

"Using high-content ethanol (E85) in an engine not designed for it can also void the manufacturer's warranty," AAA wrote in 2019.

How much does E85 cost?

As of June 10, the national average for E85

fuel was \$4.316 per gallon, data shows.

That's 67 cents lower than regular gasoline, which was a record high of \$4.986 per gallon, according to AAA. Some flex fuel vehicle owners told news outlets they were grateful to have a more affordable option when they fill up.

"You don't feel as stressed when gas prices rise like they are now," flex fuel vehicle owner Greg Donahoe told WXYZ in Michigan.



A sign about E85 fuel hangs on a fuel pump in 2007 in Belmont, Wisconsin. **MARK HIRSCH/GETTY**



The 2022 Encore redefined the small SUV segment – and the Buick brand. HENRY PAYNE

AUTO REVIEW

After a decade in the market, Buick’s mini-SUV still shines

By Henry Payne
The Detroit News

STRATFORD, Virginia — I’m a fan of minnows. Affordable, fun entry-level subcompacts. The versatile Honda Fit hatchback. The Mazda Miata sportscar. I still weep for the loss of the Ford Fiesta ST funbox.

Allow me to add another unsung candidate, the \$25,795 Buick Encore.

On a recent road trip to Stratford, Virginia — marinated in U.S. history, from George Washington’s birthplace to the Lee family home — I rented a compact vehicle from Hertz. “Anything in Aisle Two” said the attendant. And there amongst the usual Corollas and Sentra sedans was Buick’s premium entry-level SUV.

I was quickly reminded just how good this wee SUV is.

With its fold-flat front seat — a cool, rare feature shared by the Fit and GM sibling Chevy Trax — the Encore and I bonded years ago. With a stiff leg after knee surgery, I sat in back and flattened the front seat for use as an ottoman.

A unique feature, but this SUV is best known for pioneering the small SUV category. In 2012, Encore led the way and other vehicle manufacturers followed in break-

2022 Buick Encore

Vehicle type: Front-engine, front- and all-wheel-drive four-passenger SUV
Price: \$25,795 as tested
Powerplant: 1.4-liter turbocharged, inline-4 cylinder
Power: 155 horsepower, 177 pound-feet of torque
Transmission: 6-speed automatic
Performance: 0-60 mph 8.4 sec. (Car and Driver); range, 378 miles
Fuel economy: EPA est. 24 mpg city/32 highway/27 combined (FWD as tested)

ing the sport utility mold of mid-size family carrier. The Buick introduced the idea that crossovers could populate every segment, including subcompacts.

At just 25 grand, my base Encore rental was not only ergonomically efficient — it was fun.

Its cute face and trim bod is irresistible. Like every subcompact I’ve ever driven, the short wheel-base is a hoot to drive.

Apple CarPlay artfully guided us to the best routes — and lunch along the way.

So successful is Encore that it has already inspired a bigger sibling — the aforementioned Encore GX. With push-button start, a sippy 155-horse 4-banger and leatherette-

and-cloth seats, my standard Encore is an affordable chariot. So relentless is technology, however, that this premium SUV is already aging next to comparably priced mainstream vehicles.

Essential goo-gaws like blind-spot assist and adaptive cruise control are now standard on SUVs like the Mazda CX-30 or Kia Seltos. My Encore sported neither. To remain an icon in the segment it pioneered, Encore needs to get crackin’.

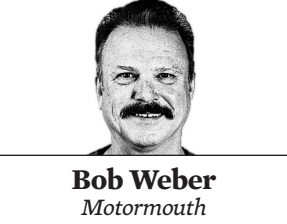
Virginia’s Northern Neck isn’t London streets — but its historic places are full of tight confines. The Encore — thanks to its rear-view camera-assist and short proportions — navigated tight spots and driveways easily.

The undulating roads are a similar challenge, and I volunteered more than once to fetch groceries over the weekend just so I could explore them.

The rare negative I’ve heard about Encore is from my son’s fiancée. She rented one recently and complained of a lack of power. Understandable. Her daily driver? A VW Beetle Turbo stuffed with the Golf GTI’s 200-horse turbo engine.

Now there’s another great minnow.

Where’s the front plate?



Bob Weber
Motormouth

Q: “Dad,” said my son, “I bet nine out of 10 Teslas do not have a front license plate.” I must admit, I had never noticed this before, but after he alerted me, I started to pay attention. Sure enough, I’d say 90% of the Teslas I observed did not have a front plate. That is illegal in Minnesota and the fine is anywhere from \$100-200. With maybe a touch of sarcasm he said, “They don’t like how it looks. It messes up the car’s smooth lines.” Would I be correct that the dealer does install a front plate and then the owner removes it later?

— D.B., Stillwater, Minnesota

A: Of our 50 states, 31 do not require a front license plate. If someone drives an untagged vehicle in any of the 19 states, they risk a fine. Enforcement seems to be rather lax, though. I have seen plenty of these cars with and without plates and must admit that plates do look out of place and mess up the cars’ smooth lines. The Tesla Model Y comes with a bracket to be glued to the vehicle. Front brackets are widely available separately.

Q: My daughter is moving from hot Las Vegas to cold South Dakota. I am concerned about preparing her Honda for winter. I know she needs snow tires (with studs if legal?), a flush and fill of her cooling system and other stuff. What type of oil would you suggest: synthetic or regular? What weight of oil? She will keep the car in an unheated garage.

— D.H., Las Vegas

A: I have been to Mount Rushmore, but not in the winter. From my research



The Tesla Model Y comes with a bracket to be glued to the vehicle to attach a front license plate. TESLA INC.

temperatures seldom go much below zero or over 100. Check the owner’s manual for oil specifications. I would suggest 5W-30 and synthetic is always a better choice. Studded tires are permitted from Oct. 1 to April 30. (If she trades her Honda for a school bus, studs are allowed all year round.)

Q: Is there any harm in regularly using an automatic transmission instead of braking when slowing down, making certain there is no traffic behind you as the brake lights won’t come on? My 2015 Lexus RX350 has a way to manually shift to a lower gear, I suspect mostly for descending steep, long grades. I have thought that using the engine to slow down would save on brakes. How does one tell if it is safe to engine brake in a particular vehicle?

— K.C., Cohasset, Minnesota

A: It depends on the make, model and year of the vehicle. Many cars now have the driver option to shift gears or leave the transmission in the automatic mode. If you have the option to use the manual mode, no harm will come to the transmission.

I use the paddle shifters in my car for improved

control while driving spiritedly on twisty roads. Your Lexus has the paddle shifter option, too.

If the engine rpms get too high, the rev limiter will kick in and you will have to shift up or slow down. If a shift is disallowed, you may also see the message on your instrument panel.

Q: I have a 2016 BMW X4 with about 60,000 miles. The car is supposed to have “lifetime” transmission fluid, which never needs changing. I can’t help but be skeptical. What’s your opinion?

— L. M., Pompano Beach, Florida

A: If your car breaks down due to not changing the transmission fluid, you would not be happy with BMW. You would likely be reluctant to buy another BMW. That’s not good for business.

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WEATHER

SATURDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Sunny, hot and moderately humid. Southwest wind around 5 mph.

HIGH

92°

LOW

65°

SUNDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mostly sunny, hot and humid.

HIGH

92°

LOW

67°

MONDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mostly cloudy with showers, moderately humid.

HIGH

79°

LOW

57°

TUESDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Partly sunny and less humid.

HIGH

79°

LOW

56°

WEDNESDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Partly sunny and seasonable.

HIGH

83°

LOW

60°

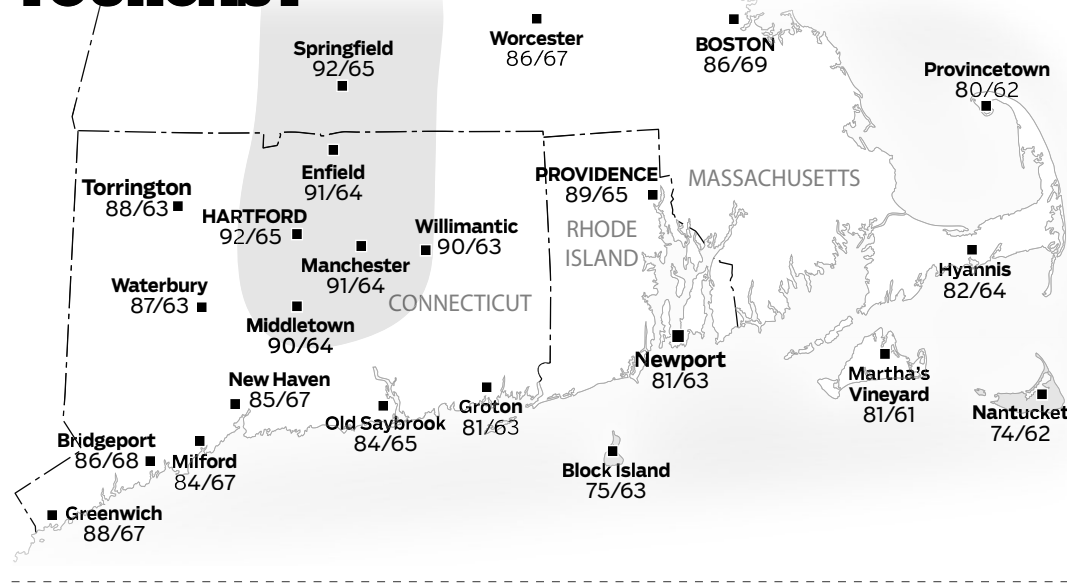
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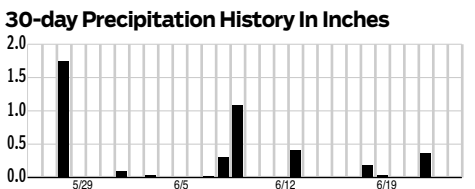
High pressure along the mid-Atlantic coast will bring mostly sunny skies, very warm to hot temperatures, and moderate humidity levels both Saturday and Sunday. Dew points will be ranging from the upper 50s to the mid-60s, while high temperatures will be mainly in the 80s and lower 90s. A trough of low pressure and then a cold front will move through the region on Monday causing mostly cloudy skies along with showers and the chance for a couple embedded thunderstorms. It will be cooler with highs in the 70s and lower 80s. Sunshine will return to the area on Tuesday.

-Gary Lessor

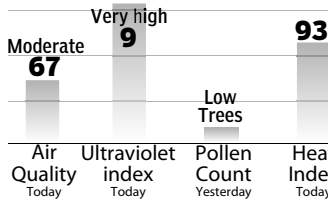
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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.14
Month to date	2.53 3.51
Total this year	20.11 21.40

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



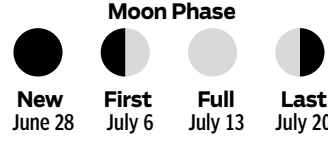
Air Quality Forecast For Today



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	7:38 a.m.	2:05 a.m.	66°
	8:00 p.m.	1:53 p.m.	
Saybrook Jetty	8:49 a.m.	2:58 a.m.	67°
	9:11 p.m.	2:46 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	11:32 a.m.	6:44 a.m.	
Madison	11:54 p.m.	6:32 p.m.	68°
	9:13 a.m.	3:04 a.m.	
New Haven	9:33 a.m.	3:28 a.m.	71°
	9:45 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	
Stamford	9:37 a.m.	3:42 a.m.	66°
	9:49 p.m.	3:44 p.m.	
River Stage at Hartford:	1.74 feet at 6:30 p.m.		

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	MSunny	MSunny	MSunny
Wind	SW, 5-10	SW, 5-10	SW, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	2-3 ft.	2-4 ft.

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:17 a.m.	5:17 a.m.
Sunset	8:29 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Moonrise	2:47 a.m.	3:16 a.m.
Moonset	5:41 p.m.	6:43 p.m.



Temperature	High	Low
Friday	85 at 3:59 p.m.	61 at 3:54 a.m.
Normal for date	82	61
Record for date	94 in 2013	46 in 1988
A year ago	79	48
Range this year	93	-2

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND	Bangor 84 62 PC	Baltimore 88 63 PC	Nashville 92 73 PC	San Juan 91 78 PC	Budapest 87 67 PC
Burlington 87 67 PC	Bismarck 64 45 C	New Orleans 95 80 PC	Tucson 97 77 PC	Buenos Aires 53 43 C	Lisbon 74 57 S
Caribou 82 54 PC	Boise 84 59 S	New York 87 71 S		Cairo 99 70 S	London 69 53 SH
Concord 89 61 S	Buffalo 86 68 PC	Okla. City 101 70 S	WORLD	Cancun 88 76 PC	Madrid 82 57 PC
Montpelier 84 59 PC	Charleston 89 68 S	Orlando 91 74 T	Amsterdam 71 59 SH	Dubai 96 85 S	Mexico City 72 55 SH
Mt. Wash. 59 51 PC	Cincinnati 88 73 PC	Pittsburgh 90 68 S	Athens 88 73 S	Dublin 64 53 SH	Milan 86 66 S
Portland 85 62 PC	Cleveland 86 69 S	Raleigh 88 65 PC	Bangkok 89 78 SH	Edinburgh 68 50 SH	Montreal 83 68 PC
Woods Hole 80 61 S	Indianapolis 89 70 PC	St. Louis 94 71 PC	Barbados 84 76 S	Helsinki 76 60 S	Moscow 86 64 S
	Jacksonville 87 68 PC	Salt Lake City 86 61 PC	Beijing 95 71 SH	Hong Kong 83 76 SH	Nassau 85 79 PC
NATION	Las Vegas 81 63 SH	San Antonio 97 72 PC	Beirut 81 74 PC	Istanbul 84 66 PC	New Delhi 106 89 PC
Albany 88 66 S	Miami Beach 88 60 T	Bermuda 78 73 SH	Jerusalem 79 63 SH	Rio de Janeiro 77 69 SH	Paris 67 54 SH
Albuquerque 86 59 PC	Milwaukee 81 63 SH			Rome 88 69 PC	Prague 79 60 SH
Atlantic City 86 64 S				Seoul 84 73 SH	Singapore 88 79 SH

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Cooling Degree Days

Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - June 24	190	153
		183

30-day Temperature History

Atmosphere

High	Low
Barometer 30.01 at 9 a.m.	29.96 at 4 p.m.
Dew point 62° at 10 a.m.	56° at 7 p.m.

HARTFORD ATHLETIC

Connecticut native Gdula making impact in 2nd stint

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

A lot has changed since Logan Gdula first played for his hometown soccer club.

The Hartford Athletic defender played for the club in its first year, 2019. After playing with various USL Championship series teams, he finds himself right back where his pro career started.

“It’s a cool experience to see how far the club has come,” the 25-year-old Norwich native said. “The structure and organization have come a long way. The training sessions, the video and the equipment are a lever higher than it was. There is a lot more structure.”

Initially, Gdula was brought back on a 25-day contract in May. Though he wasn’t the head coach in the first go around, Hartford head coach Harry Watling has had him on his radar for quite some time.



Hartford Athletic defender Logan Gdula, a Bacon Academy alum and East Lyme native, is on loan with the team from FC Cincinnati of MLS. Gdula was a first round pick in last year’s MLS Super Draft from Wake Forest. **COURANT FILE**

lenge. Watling felt a limited-time contract would bring the best out of Gdula.

“I did a little bit of homework on his character,” Watling said. “I felt the right decision was to offer him a 25-day contract to give him something to work for and earn with his performance. I think he’s the type of character that needs something in front of him to go and strive for.”

In those 25 days Gdula impressed Watling with his play and came away with an extension.

“He has got a fantastic athletic ability and has a really good understanding of multiple positions.”

After Gdula received a bigger contract, it gave his family more opportunities to come and watch his games.

“Family is huge to me,” he said. “They come to all the games. It’s important for them to see me play and it’s a big thing to see me play in person.”

Though Gdula has only played in six games so far,

he’s made an impact.

“He’s got better and better with every game,” Watling said. “In his last game [against Atlanta United 2] I thought he was outstandingly good. I do think there’s more to come.”

Watling has high hopes.

“I think he has the potential, if he gets his mentality right, to go and play in the league above this (MLS),” he said. “That’s going to be the challenge for him. He has to be a 24-hour athlete mentally on and off the pitch. If he gets that right, I think he’s got a really good chance.”

Whether Gdula is MLS bound or not, he has big plans in store for his time in Hartford, however long that may be.

“I didn’t expect it, it kind of just happened,” he said. “It came up and I am the kind of person that goes with the flow. I am here and enjoying it. I am trying to win games. That’s the goal. I want to bring a trophy back to Connecticut.”

LOCAL AMATEUR BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEGION

THURSDAY’S LATE RESULTS

Zone 2
HAMDEN 14, MADISON 7

Zone 3
NORTHEAST 6, GLASTONBURY 0
WINDSOR LOCKS / WINDSOR 3, EHM 1
MIDDLETOWN 7, SOUTH WINDSOR 2

Zone 6
WILLIMANTIC 8, TRI-TOWN 1
Note: Jack Valliere struck out 6 and walked 1 over 6.1 innings to pick up the win. He also was 3-for-3 with a walk and 3 RBI at the plate. Gavin Covell, Pat Brennan and Matt Lafountain all had 2 hits for Willimantic.

FRIDAY’S RESULTS

Zone 1
WEST HARTFORD AT TORRINGTON, LATE
SIMSBURY AT MERIDEN, LATE

Zone 3
RCP POST AT ENFIELD, LATE

SATURDAY’S SCHEDULE

Zone 1: West Hartford at Meriden, 10 a.m.
Zone 2: Hamden at Madison (2), 10 a.m.
Zone 3: Glastonbury at RCP Post, 11 a.m.; Ellington at Middletown, 7 p.m.
Zone 6: Willimantic at Waterford (2), 5 p.m.

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

FRIDAY’S RESULTS
ROCK CATS AT AFTERSHOCK, PPD.

SUNDAY’S SCHEDULE
Black Sox at Patriots, 11 a.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

THURSDAY’S LATE RESULT
COLTS 5, PHILLIES 5

FRIDAY’S RESULTS
COLTS AT PEOPLE’S, LATE
GREENERS AT EXPOS, LATE
JETS AT GRAPHICS, LATE

SUNDAY’S SCHEDULE
Graphics at Orioles, 5 p.m.
Greeners at People’s, 5 p.m.
Expos at Phillies, 7 p.m.

PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE

THURSDAY’S LATE RESULTS

19u
AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN 1, PLAINVILLE DEVILS 0

16u
NOR’EASTERS-NEWINGTON 5, AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN 4

FRIDAY’S RESULTS

19u
FARMINGTON AT SOUTHTON HITMEN, LATE
PLAINVILLE DEVILS AT ROCKY HILL, LATE
NEW BRITAIN PARKS AND REC AT AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN, LATE

16u
STAFFORD ROYALS 13, WEST HARTFORD THUNDER 2
Note: Hayden Iaccabucci tossed a complete game to pick up the win and Angus Sprague had 2 hits, 2 RBI.

14u
FARMINGTON AT AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN, LATE

SATURDAY’S SCHEDULE
19u: New Britain Parks and Rec at Farmington, 6 p.m.

16u: Stafford Royals at Copperheads-Torrington, 1 p.m.; West Hartford Thunder at Ahern Whalen-Middletown, 3 p.m.

14u: Newington Raiders at CT Bulldogs-Wethersfield (2), 1 p.m.

WNBA

Standings	W	L	PCT	GB
Eastern				
Chicago	12	5	.706	—
Connecticut	12	6	.667	0.5
Washington	11	9	.550	2.5
Atlanta	8	8	.500	3.5
New York	7	10	.412	5
Indiana	5	14	.263	8
Western				
Las Vegas	13	3	.813	—
Seattle	11	6	.647	2.5
Dallas	9	9	.500	5
Los Angeles	6	10	.375	7
Phoenix	6	12	.333	8
Minnesota	5	13	.278	9

THURSDAY’S LATE RESULTS

DALLAS 94, INDIANA 68
MINNESOTA 100, PHOENIX 88
SEATTLE 85, WASHINGTON 71
CHICAGO 82, LOS ANGELES 59

FRIDAY’S RESULT

NEW YORK AT ATLANTA, LATE

SATURDAY’S SCHEDULE

Phoenix at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Washington at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE

Standings	W	L	PCT	GB
Northeast				
Hartford	42	24	.636	—
Somerset	42	24	.636	—
New Hamp.	30	36	.455	12
Portland	29	37	.439	13
Reading	29	37	.439	13
Binghamton	25	41	.379	17
Southwest				
Akron	39	27	.591	—
Erie	38	28	.576	1
Richmond	38	28	.576	1
Altoona	31	35	.470	8
Harrisburg	28	38	.424	11
Bowie	25	41	.379	14

THURSDAY’S LATE RESULTS

SOMERSET 7, HARTFORD 4
ERIE 3, BOWIE 2
BINGHAMTON 5, READING 4 (10)
AKRON 8, HARRISBURG 2
NEW HAMPSHIRE 3, ALTOONA 1
PORTLAND 4-2, RICHMOND 3-4

FRIDAY’S RESULTS

PORTLAND AT RICHMOND, LATE
BOWIE AT ERIE, LATE
HARTFORD AT SOMERSET, LATE
ALTOONA AT NEW HAMPSHIRE, LATE
READING AT BINGHAMTON, LATE
HARRISBURG AT AKRON, LATE

SATURDAY’S SCHEDULE

Portland at Richmond, 6 p.m.
Bowie at Erie, 6 p.m.
Reading at Binghamton, 6:30 p.m.
Hartford at Somerset, 7 p.m.
Altoona at New Hampshire, 7 p.m.

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Culinary dynamo

Rising food star Eitan Bernath leans into the world of comfort food

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As a kid, Eitan Bernath didn't collect baseball cards, comic books or coins like his peers did. He collected kitchen tools. "My fondest memories from my life are always around food," he says.

Mind you, that life is still young. Bernath is just 20, but he's managed to harness his love of cooking to become a social media influencer and TV personality. This spring, he's released his first cookbook, "Eitan Eats the World," published by Clarkson Potter.

The book contains 85 comfort food recipes from across the globe, from a Sweet & Smoky Guac Burger to Turkish Red Lentil Soup and a Kurdish Shamburak or a Israeli-Style Sesame Schnitzel.

"Knowledge is power and knowledge is so important," Bernath says. "The more you learn about the world around you, the better you can be an informed and kind citizen for the world."

Bernath is part of a wave of young food stars who got their springboard from social media, in his case a strong TikTok following. He has 350 million people viewing his content in 150-plus countries, and has a production and entertainment company that employs six people.

He made his first TV appearance on Food Network's "Chopped" at age 11 — also appearing on "Guy's Grocery Games" with restaurateur Guy Fieri a few years later — and started creating content when he was 12. He viewed it as a job, monetizing his blog after his third post.

"I was excited about doing it before anyone was watching," he says. "I was truly just as excited when I was getting 100 views when I was 12 to now and I'm getting millions."

He is the principal culinary contributor for "The Drew Barrymore Show" and was recently named to the Forbes list of "30 Under 30" for Food and Drink.



Israeli-style sesame schnitzel is featured in the new cookbook "Eitan Eats the World," by social media influencer and TV personality Eitan Bernath. MARK WEINBERG/CLARKSON POTTER

Raised in Teaneck, New Jersey, Bernath says both his parents were educators, and they used food as a vehicle to teach him and his brother about the world around them.

"Growing up in a Jewish household, food is such a central part of community and culture, as it is for many different other communities," he said. "It's such a great way to enjoy delicious food, but then also learn about the world around you."

The recipes in "Eitan Eats the World" take readers from the Middle East to Spain, from Italy to India. Bernath makes sure he gives each cuisine credit and is "appreciative, not appropriative."

"I take the perspective of, I'm a learner who's sharing with my followers what I've learned. Of course, I am no expert on Indian cuisine or on Mexican cuisine or Italian cuisine, because I'm not Mexican, Italian or Indian, but I

am someone who loves to learn about them."

Growing up, he could often be found in his room glued to culinary documentaries, carefully watching elders in India, Mexico or Italy cook, and filling his notebooks.

Then he'd get into his kitchen and try to re-create what he watched.

To get the book ready, he also turned to the internet. But he found he had to be extra creative because it is hard to create something that no one else has done.

"A lot of times as a recipe developer, you come up with an idea and think, 'Oh, this sounds so good! I love this idea.' And then I will go Google and I wonder if anyone has done that yet, and I would say 99.9% of the time the answer is yes, someone's done it."

Hence, Bernath came up with some startling combos hiding in plain sight, like Bruschetta

Avocado Toast, which is the melding of two favorite bread toppings. "It's just like pairing where I'm like, 'Why have I not done this a million times?' It's delicious."

Lightning struck twice when Bernath took the classic tuna melt and elevated it by giving it a French croque monsieur treatment. The traditional ham of the latter is replaced by tuna, and a Mornay sauce is added. This one he calls "sinfully delicious."

Bernath is an evangelist about food and says there are many more career paths in food than most people realize. He also pushes back against some who sniff that he needs to work in a restaurant to call himself a chef.

"I think a chef is someone who earns money cooking, who works in the kitchen," he says. "I think at the end of the day, whatever you want to call what I do, whether chef or not, the world is changing."

ISRAELI-STYLE SESAME SCHNITZEL WITH HERBY TOMATO CUCUMBER SALAD

Makes: 4 servings

For the salad:

1 English cucumber, chopped
2 plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
½ cup chopped red onion
1 garlic clove, chopped
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint
1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the sesame schnitzel:

4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
¾ cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more as needed
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 large eggs
¾ cup panko bread crumbs
¾ cup plain bread crumbs
2 tablespoons white sesame seeds
Vegetable oil, for frying
Ground sumac, for sprinkling
Well-stirred tahini and lemon wedges, for serving

1. Make the salad: In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients, adding salt and pepper to taste. Set aside until ready to serve.

2. Make the schnitzel: Place one of the chicken breasts into a large plastic bag. Pound with flat side of meat mallet or rolling pin to ¼-inch thickness. Remove flattened chicken breast from the bag, set aside and repeat with the remaining breasts.

3. Combine flour, salt and pepper in a wide bowl. In a separate wide bowl, lightly beat the eggs. In a third wide bowl, mix both panko and plain bread crumbs, and the sesame seeds. Working with one chicken breast at a time, dredge it in flour so that it is lightly coated all over; tap off any excess. Dip coated breast into beaten eggs, letting the extra drip off, then carefully place it in bowl with the bread crumbs and press until thoroughly coated on both sides. Set the chicken on a sheet pan and repeat with the remaining breasts.

4. In a large cast-iron skillet or nonstick pan, heat ½-inch of vegetable oil to 350 degrees over medium heat. Line a sheet pan with paper towels and set it nearby. Working in batches to not crowd the skillet, carefully place chicken breasts in the skillet, dropping the chicken, one at a time, away from you to avoid any oil splatters, and fry until golden brown on both sides, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Transfer the cooked chicken to the lined sheet pan and repeat with the remaining chicken. Season to taste with salt and sumac.

5. Place one schnitzel on each plate and add some of the salad on the side. Drizzle tahini over the top and serve with lemon wedges.



A picnic spread, clockwise from bottom left: white bean salad with roasted cauliflower; caprese-style marinated mozzarella with cherry tomatoes and olives; open-faced cucumber-ricotta sandwiches; and sardines on buttered brown bread. It's the collecting of the food and the anticipation of serving it that make picnics a special event. **KATE SEARS/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

The *ultimate* picnic spread

By David Tanis
The New York Times

Imagine a painting of a pastoral scene on a fair summer day, a splendid feast laid out, fine carpets for lounging and guests nibbling on carefully transported morsels — a proverbial picnic in the grass, with dogs and children at the edges.

That's one kind of picnic, but there are so many ways to picnic. Even the simple gesture of moving dinner outdoors on a balmy evening can feel picnic-y, which is to say, nice.

That picnics are movable feasts adds to the experience. It's the collecting and wrapping of the food, the carrying of the meal to a particular place and the anticipation of serving it that make picnics a kind of special event, be it a leisurely trip to the beach, an hourslong tailgate or a buffet lunch in a lush garden.

If I have to lug the basket, I want it to be filled with things I like. Sandwiches are my favorite picnic food, so I offer a couple of them here. I've had a thing for sardines out of the tin since I was a kid, but now I want them served atop thinly sliced dense, dark rye bread, generously spread with good butter, sprinkled with sea salt and black pepper, a few arugula sprigs and a tiny squeeze of lemon, no more. Some would add a little Dijon mustard, but not me. Take all the ingredients to the picnic site and build the sandwiches there, or pack them to go.

A simple and refreshing combination of a spicy, herbed cucumber salad and creamy ricotta, served on halved ciabatta rolls, is another option. Aside from good cucumbers, there are just two requirements: freshly baked bread, with a crisp crust and tender crumb, and the best ricotta you can find, preferably basket ricotta. (You could also use natural cream cheese or queso fresco.)

Next, I want a couple of substantial salads that are always nice to have on hand, picnic or not. For that, I packed white beans tossed with oven-charred cauliflower and a zesty vinaigrette, flecked with celery hearts and ground fennel, and cherry tomatoes and olives dressed with olive oil, a little oregano, vinegar, garlic and chile flakes, and spooned over slices of fresh mozzarella.

Dessert at a picnic is always wanted, expected and deserved. Anything cookie-like is a sure bet, especially if you'll be crossing rough terrain, and pecan shortbread is my current favorite — crumbly, salty and buttery, with a touch of cardamom. Augment, if you wish, with a bowl of cherries, nectarines and peaches. And ice cream, if you're clever enough to keep it frozen in your travels.

Then, wash it all down with a summery red hibiscus punch. Known in Mexico as agua de Jamaica and throughout the



HIBISCUS PUNCH

Makes: 6 to 8 servings
Total time: 40 minutes, plus chilling
2 cups dried hibiscus (see note)
1 cinnamon stick (optional)
1 (2-inch) chunk of ginger, peeled and chopped (optional)
1 teaspoon allspice berries (optional)
½ cup agave syrup or granulated sugar, or to taste
Ice
Lime wedges, for serving
1. Bring 2 quarts water to a boil in a

medium stainless-steel pot.
2. Add hibiscus flowers, and cinnamon, ginger and allspice berries, if using. Turn off heat and steep for at least 30 minutes.
3. Strain mixture into a pitcher or bowl and cool to room temperature. Sweeten to taste. Serve chilled over ice, with lime wedges.
Note: You can use whole hibiscus flowers or pieces, but if using pieces, steep for less time, tasting as you go, until it is your desired strength. If you wish, you can also dilute the drink with water to taste.



PECAN SHORTBREAD

Makes: 8 to 10 servings
Total time: 1 hour, plus cooling
1 ½ cups salted butter, cut into ½-inch cubes
¾ cup sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
½ teaspoon ground cardamom
3 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 ½ cups toasted, chopped pecans
Powdered sugar, for dusting
1. Heat oven to 325 degrees. Put butter, sugar, vanilla and cardamom in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mix at medium speed until light and fluffy, about

5 minutes, scraping the bowl occasionally.
2. Carefully add flour and pecans, and mix a few minutes more, at low speed at first, then medium, until dough comes together. Remove dough and knead for 1 minute. Press dough into a 9-inch square cake pan. (Alternatively, press into a 9-inch fluted French tart pan with a removable bottom.)
3. Bake until golden brown, about 45 minutes. Let cool and cut into squares, bars or wedges with a serrated knife while still slightly warm. Store in a tin until needed. To serve, arrange on a plate and dust with powdered sugar.

Caribbean as sorrel, the drink is made by simmering and steeping dried hibiscus blossoms with spices. The resultant ruby liquid, lightly sweetened, has a pleasant

tannic quality and is deliciously thirst-quenching over ice. If you want your punch to live up to its name, add your spirit of choice. Read: rum. It's a picnic, after all.

MARINATED MOZZARELLA, OLIVES AND CHERRY TOMATOES

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
Total time: 20 minutes
1 pound cherry or grape tomatoes, a mixture of colors, halved
Salt and black pepper
¾ cup olives, such as Moroccan or niçoise
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 garlic clove, smashed to a paste
Pinch of dried oregano
Pinch of red pepper flakes
1 pound fresh mozzarella, cut into

¼-inch slices
Basil leaves, for garnish
1. Put cherry tomatoes in a large bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Add the olives and toss.
2. In a small bowl, stir together olive oil, vinegar, garlic, oregano and red pepper flakes. Pour mixture over tomatoes and olives. Toss well to coat and let sit for 10 minutes and up to an hour.
3. When ready to eat, arrange mozzarella in center of a large platter (or arrange on individual plates). Spoon tomato and olive mixture over mozzarella. Garnish with lots of basil leaves.

SARDINES ON BUTTERED BROWN BREAD

Makes: 2 to 4 servings
Total time: 20 minutes
4 small slices dark, dense European-style rye bread
½ cup unsalted butter, softened
1 (4.5-ounce) tin oil-packed sardines
Salt and black pepper
1 tablespoon chopped dill
2 tablespoons thinly sliced scallions or chives
Arugula, for serving
Cornichons or other pickles, for

serving
Lemon wedges, for serving
1. Lightly toast the bread, then cool to room temperature. Spread each toast generously with butter.
2. Distribute the sardines among the toasts. (Cut large sardines in half lengthwise; leave small sardines whole.)
3. Sprinkle each toast lightly with salt and grind pepper directly over the sandwiches. Garnish with chopped dill and slivered scallions.
4. Serve sandwiches open-faced, with arugula, cornichons and a lemon wedge.

CUCUMBER-RICOTTA SANDWICHES

Makes: 2 to 4 servings
Total time: 10 minutes
6 thinly sliced Persian cucumbers (about 2 ½ cups)
Salt and black pepper
1 serrano chile, very thinly sliced (or minced, with seeds, if preferred)
12 large basil leaves, torn
2 tablespoons lime juice (from 1 large lime)
1 tablespoon chopped dill
2 teaspoons chopped tarragon
2 teaspoons chopped mint leaves
1 teaspoon thinly sliced chives

1 to 2 cups soft, rich ricotta, drained
2 ciabatta rolls, split lengthwise, lightly toasted (or a baguette split lengthwise)
Cilantro sprigs, for garnish
Calendula or other edible flower, for garnish (optional)
1. Put cucumbers in a bowl and season with salt and pepper, then toss. Add chile, basil, lime juice, dill, tarragon, mint and chives. Toss well.
2. Spread ricotta generously over each toast. Spoon cucumber mixture over ricotta on toast. Garnish with cilantro sprigs and calendula petals, if using.

WHITE BEAN SALAD WITH ROASTED CAULIFLOWER

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
Total time: 1 hour
For the salad:
1 small head cauliflower, cut into ½-inch slices
Extra-virgin olive oil
Salt and black pepper
4 cups cooked white beans or 2 (15-ounce) cans, drained
1 cup thinly sliced celery heart (the tender inner stalks and leaves)
3 tablespoons chopped parsley
3 tablespoons slivered scallions
For the dressing:
1 large shallot, diced small
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon lemon zest
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar, plus more to taste
½ teaspoon ground fennel (optional)

¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more to taste
Salt and black pepper
1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Put cauliflower on a rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Toss to coat. Roast on the top rack until nicely browned, 20 to 25 minutes. Set aside to cool.
2. Make the dressing: Put shallot in a small bowl with mustard, lemon juice, lemon zest, vinegar and ground fennel, if using. Stir well to combine, then whisk in olive oil. Season to taste.
3. Make the salad: Put beans in a low salad bowl. Add celery and cauliflower, pour the dressing over and toss well, taking care not to crush beans. Let salad rest for 30 minutes or so to meld flavors. Taste and adjust for salt, acid and oil. Add parsley and scallions, toss once more, then serve at room temperature.

A vineyard’s comeback, 200 years in the making

Proprietor is determined to restore the respect Clos de la Perrière once enjoyed

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

FIXIN, France — More than 200 years ago, the early French wine authority André Jullien, in his book “Topography of All Known Vineyards,” cited the Clos de la Perrière as being among the top vineyards in all of Burgundy.

He ranked the vineyard, in this small village near the northern end of the Côte d’Or, the heart of Burgundy, in hallowed territory alongside Chambertin and Musigny, illustrious names still murmured reverentially today and among the most prized and coveted of all wines.

His praise was echoed in 1855 by Jules Laval, a botanist and authority on Burgundy’s vineyards, in his seminal work “History and Statistics of the Vine and of the Great Wines of the Côte d’Or.” Laval, if he does not place Clos de la Perrière in his highest echelon of vineyards, holds it among the best with other esteemed names like Bonnes Mares and Grands Échézeaux.

Yet today, Clos de la Perrière’s exalted past is largely forgotten and its owner, Domaine Joliet, is little known. The wines of Fixin are often lost in the shadow of Gevrey-Chambertin, the vineyard’s renowned neighbor to the south, to which it is often considered a rustic cousin, as Jasper Morris put it in the most recent edition of his book “Inside Burgundy.”

The current proprietor of Clos de la Perrière, Benigne Joliet, intends to change that perception. He believes the wines of Fixin are generally underestimated. He is proud of Clos de la Perrière, and is determined to restore at least a measure of the

respect it once earned, even if modern perceptions are against him.

When the Joliet family acquired the vineyard in 1853 it had already been the source of great grapes for seven centuries. Cistercian monks first identified the site, on roughly 12.5 acres on a rocky, southeast-facing slope, as a distinctive vineyard early in the 12th century. They built a stone wall around it, creating a clos, or enclosed vineyard, using rock from a nearby quarry. It was called Clos de la Perrière.

For the next 500 years, until 1622, monks managed the vineyard and made wine in a cellar under a stately stone manor, which they also began to construct in the 12th century.

It then passed through several owners until the Joliet family bought the property, along with the house, Manoir de la Perrière, and the airy, barrel-vaulted cellar, complete with an imposing medieval wine press. Benigne Joliet is the sixth generation to run the estate. His daughter, Camille, a student at McGill University in Montreal, is in line to be the seventh.

Benigne Joliet grew up in the manor and has always lived there, moving from the north wing to the south, he said, when he took over the property.

Walking among the rows, which rise up the slope to the edge of a forest, I could almost feel a vibrancy, a liveliness to the vines. To the east, the vineyard looks out over steeples rising from clusters of buildings in the valley. In the center of the vineyard stands a statue of the Virgin Mary.

Unlike most Burgundian vineyards, which are divided among numerous owners working side by side, the Clos de la Perrière is a “monopole,” owned



Benigne Joliet, the sixth generation of his family to serve as proprietor of Clos de la Perrière, at the vineyard May 23 in Fixin, France. His daughter, Camille, is in line to be the seventh. MICHEL JOLY/THE NEW YORK TIMES

entirely by the Joliet family.

Joliet has made many improvements in the roughly 20 years since he took over from his father, Philippe. The vineyard is now farmed organically, and he intends to stop tilling the soil in an effort to build its microbial life. He has delayed pruning the vines, which he used to begin each year on Feb. 1, to combat spring frosts, which have taken a terrible toll in Burgundy in the era of climate change.

Because the weather warms earlier in the year nowadays, the vines begin to bud sooner, leaving them vulnerable to frost, which can kill tender buds.

“Killer frosts were once in a career for my father and grandfather,” said Joliet, a slightly ruffled but affable and open-minded man. “For myself, it’s been six out of the last 10 years.”

These steps may not be enough to regain the vineyard’s once vaunted reputation, but the wines are certainly getting better and better.

When the government created a system of official French appellations, beginning in 1936, the vineyards of Burgundy were ranked according to a hierarchy indicating a vineyard’s potential to produce wines of a distinctive character.

At the base of the pyramid were regional vineyards capable of producing reds or whites that represented the general attributes of Burgundy, but not the nuances of more specific places.

A leap above the regional wines were the village vineyards, those able to express the characteristics of specific villages — Gevrey-Chambertin, Volnay or Meursault, for example.

Next were the premier crus, particularly good vineyards that not only expressed the traits of the village but added their own distinguishing attributes. At the top were the grand crus, the glorious few in which the distinctive character of the vineyards transcended all other categories.

These grand crus are the most expensive. Most of those vineyards judged in the 19th century to be peers of Clos de la Perrière, like Musigny, Bonnes Mares and Chambertin, received grand cru status, but not Clos de la Perrière, which the authorities deemed a premier cru.

For his part, Joliet says he is glad not to have the grand cru appellation.

“My grandfather didn’t want it,” he said. “He felt the wine would be too expensive. And if it had been grand cru, it would

not have stayed a monopole.”

In Burgundy, land is taxed according to its value, and grand cru vineyards are considerably more valuable than premier crus. This is particularly important at inheritance, when taxes can be so high that the next generation may be compelled to sell off part or all of a vineyard in order to pay the bill.

Earlier this century, Joliet said, he bought out relatives who shared ownership in the property to continue to do things his way. Had the vineyard been a grand cru, he said, he would not have been able to afford to do that.

What makes the vineyard so distinctive?

“People may not believe it,” Joliet said, “but when you are here you can feel the energy. It was created for its energy and the diversity of the terroirs.”

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A simple pasta puts ricotta front and center

By **Melissa Clark**
The New York Times

One of the tastiest things I ate this year was still-warm ricotta, just off the fire, at a farm in Sicily. I scooped some of the white, wobbly mass onto my plate, seasoned it with coarse salt and used a spoon to catch every drop, restraining myself from licking the plate. That ethereal ricotta also appeared in the next course as a pasta topping. It was mixed with some starchy cooking water to create a brothy, creamy sauce that was enriched with olive oil, seasoned with Parmesan and garnished with a mound of wild herbs just plucked from the garden. Meals like this are impossible to replicate: a sublime vacation moment that can't be transferred back to everyday life. But that doesn't mean I can't make a soupy pasta with fresh ricotta and lots of herbs, and enjoy it at home.

One thing I won't be able to do, though, is use still-warm ricotta straight from a farm. But tubs of milky fresh ricotta are available at my local supermarket, and those get the job done beautifully.

This is one of those extremely simple recipes with only a few ingredients and not much by way of technique, so it's worth your while to seek out the good stuff here — it should say “fresh” on the label and will probably be more expensive than standard ricotta. If you cook this with lackluster ricotta and indifferent olive oil, you probably won't be very impressed with the result. But if you use the milkiest, silkiest ricotta you can get and break out an olive oil with personality and zip, you'll end up with a memorable dinner that's so easy it practically makes itself. Also, don't stint on the herbs; try to use at least three kinds for the most



Topped with milky ricotta, loads of herbs and bracing black pepper, this easy weeknight dish is a vacation in a bowl. **RYAN LIEBE/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**



complex result. Soft herbs with floppy leaves — parsley, basil, cilantro, mint, dill, chives, fennel fronds, lovage, even celery leaves — work well and won't leave you chewing on twiggy

stems. But if you want to use thyme, rosemary or marjoram in addition, you can do so in small amounts (make sure to pick the leaves off their branches first).

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Finally, shower everything with loads of coarsely ground black pepper. It's a bracing last touch, and a spicy contrast to all the sweet, supple flavors already in your bowl.

CREAMY PASTA WITH RICOTTA AND HERBS

Total time: 20 minutes
Makes: 4 servings
Salt
1 pound short pasta, such as shells, cavatappi, chioccioline, farfalle, ditali or wagon wheels
12 ounces fresh, whole-milk ricotta (about 1 ½ cups)
¾ cup freshly grated Parmesan, plus more for serving
½ cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for serving
1 tablespoon coarsely ground black pepper, plus more for serving
2 ½ cups coarsely chopped soft herbs, such as basil, chives, fennel fronds, parsley, mint, tarragon, chervil or dill (try for a combination of at least 3 kinds)

1. Bring a large pot of well-salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and cook until al dente, according to package instructions. Reserve 2 cups pasta cooking water, then drain the pasta.
2. In same pot, make sauce: Add ricotta, Parmesan, olive oil, pepper and a large pinch or two of salt, and stir until well combined.
3. Add 1 cup pasta water to the sauce and stir until smooth. Add the pasta and herbs, and continue to stir vigorously until the noodles are well coated. Add more pasta water as needed for a smooth, soupy sauce. Taste and add more salt if needed.
4. To serve, spoon the pasta into bowls and finish with more Parmesan, olive oil and pepper.

Maple chicken skewers evoke Asia's street vendors

By **Christopher Kimball**
For Associated Press

Street vendors across East Asia scrunch small pieces of meat onto skewers and baste them over hot coals with a sweet and savory sauce. Amid the sizzle and aromatic puffs of smoke, the sauce thickens to a luscious glaze and — importantly — the meat cooks up fast. This combination of speed and bold flavor has always appealed to us at Milk Street. But for weeknight skewers, we exchange the open-air grill for the easy, controlled heat of a broiler. The near-direct heat chars the peaks of the skewered meat, and the valleys catch little pools of caramelizing sauce. These savory-sweet chicken skewers from our book “COOKish,” which limits recipes to just six ingredients without sacrificing flavor, are loosely based on Japanese yakitori.

We layer on the flavors: first as a quick marinade for the chicken, then as a basting sauce, and finally as a finishing sauce. The final coating helps sesame seeds or scallions — or both — adhere to the chicken. Maple syrup may not be traditional, but it punches up the flavor of the glaze with more complexity than traditional sugar without



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additional ingredients. And the heat of freshly grated ginger helps to balance the sugars in the soy sauce glaze. Serve with rice and a

crunchy slaw or make into a sandwich or wrap with shredded vegetables and a smear of mayonnaise. For easy cleanup, line the baking sheet with foil.

MAPLE AND SOY-GLAZED CHICKEN SKEWERS

Total time: 40 minutes
Makes: 4 servings
½ cup soy sauce
1 tablespoon finely grated fresh ginger or 3 medium garlic cloves, finely grated or both
2 tablespoons neutral oil
¼ cup maple syrup
1 ½ teaspoons sherry vinegar or cider vinegar
2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, halved lengthwise
Sesame seeds, toasted or thinly sliced scallions or both
Stir together the soy, ginger and oil. In another bowl, combine 3 tablespoons of that with the maple syrup and vinegar. Toss the chicken with the remaining soy mixture. Heat the broiler with a rack 4 inches from the element. Scrunch the chicken onto metal skewers, then set on a rimmed baking sheet. Broil until well browned, about 12 minutes, flipping once. Brush lightly with the soy-maple mixture, then broil until lightly charred, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Brush with remaining soy-maple mixture, then sprinkle with sesame seeds.

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Celebrate the Fourth of July with this fresh, nutty salad

By **Diane Rossen Worthington**
Tribune Content Agency

Grain salads are always a good solution to cooking on hot summer days, since you can cook the grain in the morning, leaving your kitchen to cool for the rest of the day. I like experimenting with different rice and wheat varieties as the foundation for cooling summer salads, and I particularly like the toothsome, nutty quality of farro.

Farro is an ancient strain of wheat that looks like plump barley kernels. You can find farro in health food stores, online and now in many supermarkets. I prefer Bob's Red Mill organic farro. Make sure to select whole grain farro; pearlized farro has the hull removed and cooks in half the time. Some are quick-cooking, while this untreated whole wheat farro takes longer to cook. It's best to check the pack-



Select whole grain farro for this salad. **DREAMSTIME**

FARRO, CUCUMBER AND FRESH CHERRY SALAD

Makes: 8 servings
2 cups whole wheat farro
8 cups water or more to cover
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
3 cups finely diced Persian cucumber (about 4 cucumbers)
3 cups pitted and halved fresh cherries
3 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh chives
3 tablespoons finely chopped mint
3 tablespoons finely chopped dill weed
½ cup toasted pine nuts
½-pound goat or feta cheese, crumbled, optional
For the dressing:
2 tablespoons pomegranate molasses
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons Dijon grainy mustard
2 garlic cloves, minced
½ teaspoon sumac or to taste
¾ cup avocado or grapeseed oil
Salt and pepper to taste
To garnish:

Fresh herb leaves
1. Rinse and drain farro in a fine-mesh colander set in a sink. Transfer the farro into a large saucepan, cover with water, add salt and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered until tender, about 22 to 28 minutes. The farro should have a little bite to it. Drain again in the colander, and place in a large serving bowl. Cool to room temperature.
2. Add red onion, cucumbers and cherries. Mix with a two-pronged fork, adding the parsley, chives, mint, dill and pine nuts.
3. To make the dressing, combine the molasses, lemon juice, mustard, garlic and sumac in a medium bowl, and whisk until incorporated. Add the oil and whisk until well-blended. Add salt and pepper and taste for seasoning.
4. Pour enough of the dressing over the farro to coat it and mix with a fork to fluff the farro. Carefully add the goat or feta cheese, if including. Taste for seasoning and garnish with fresh herbs. Chill for at least 3 hours. Just before serving, check to see if you need more dressing. Serve chilled and garnish just before serving.